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... the amount which may be raised for territorial purposes

INTEREST ON LOANS

It has been argued by learned writers that as nations progressed in civilization and refinement the market rate of interest on loans of money continually fell Thus in the thirteenth century, in maritime Europe the market rate on the best securities averaged over fifteen per cent but in the eighteenth century the market rate on similar securities had fallen to less than three per cent

The inflation and fictitious values of the last few years, in this country have had a tendency to largely advance the rate on loans and as the poorer producing classes are the borrowers the high rates of interest which they have been compelled to pay for accommodation, have contributed largely to hamper and cripple all industrial and commercial pursuits and is undermining and eating up the labor of the country The cry that money is worth what it will bring is not only untrue in fact but its practical application tends to demoralize all commercial operations and to paralyze the energies of the producing classes A stable currency and a uniform low rate of interest will alone restore a healthy condition to the body politic and bring prosperity to the individual citizen 'High interest' is only another name for bad security is a truism that is recognized by all shrewd business men and especially by capitalists who loan money and any state territory or community that will establish a reputation for prompt payment can get all the money they want at reasonable rates

The poor farmer who is struggling on a homestead for subsistence and who attempts to better his condition by borrowing money at eighteen to twenty four per cent, will soon find himself without home or bread for in the majority of cases it requires a foreclosure of the mortage to collect the debt, and no amount of economy and industry on the part of the debtor will enable him to pay such rate of interest Generous and productive as our soil is it will not justify those who till it in paying such rates of interest for the use of money

The rate of interest in this Territory was originally fixed by law at seven per cent per annum on the dollar, and such is still the law except where a higher rate is agreed up between the borrower and the lender, where by mutual agreement the rate may be made as high as eighteen per cent, and of course but few contracts are made save at these highest figures It is contended by some that, in new countries on the frontier, it is necessary that local statutes should establish a high rate of interest to induce capital and investment In my humble judgment this is a mistake The establishment, by law, of a low rate of interest, would inspire capitalists at a distance not only with our ability but with our determination to pay, and the improved commercial and financial character thus created for ourselves, would secure for us all the money we might require to develop and build up the Territory, without impoverishing our citizens to enrich usurers and Shylocks

For these reasons I respectfully recommend and in the name of the laboring and producing classes most earnestly urge, that your honorable body so amend and change existing laws as that not more than ten per cent per annum on the one dollar shall be collectable, and that the taking of a larger rate, under any pretext whatever, shall be deemed usury and be declared unlawful, and be punished by the infliction of pains and penalties All laws that recognize and permit such extravagant and exorbitant rates of interest as have prevailed in this Territory, are intended for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many, for the oppression of labor in the interest of capital, and the people whose voice has clothed you with authority to enact laws expect relief from these grievances at your hands

AGRICULTURE

The future wealth of Dakota must depend largely upon the products of the soil, as the pursuits of our population are mainly agricultural The soil is generally fertile and well adapted to the growth of wheat, barley, oats, rye, potatoes, etc, while fruits and vegetables may be raised in sufficient quantities to supply the wants of the people, but the main reliance for wealth, especially to our farmers, is in the growth of wheat Our climate and soil enables us to produce wheat which makes a flour that is unsurpassed in the markets of the world, and already has Dakota flour attained such a reputation for superior excellence, in the eastern markets, that it commands a much higher price than any other brand, if we except possibly that made from Minnesota wheat, and notwithstanding the rapid

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Superintendent ... report ... January 1st 1874 ... [illegible]

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DESTITUTION

The crops of the present year in some parts of the Territory were seriously damaged by the grasshoppers ... [illegible] ... Should the grasshoppers afflict us every year which is not at all probable the use of early varieties of wheat and early seeding will thwart their operations so far as our staple product is concerned

Notwithstanding the grasshopper visitation however but one instance of destitution actual or prospective has been brought to the attention of the executive department though others may and probably do exist In the county of Brookings I am informed by reliable authority there are ten or twelve families comprising not more than forty or fifty persons in all who have been rendered actually destitute in consequence of the destruction of their crops These people are now without the actual necessaries of life and from no fault of their own and must have assistance to help them through the winter and to make another crop or they may starve It it be in the power of such of our citizens as have been more highly favored to relieve the necessities of their more unfortunate neighbors, it will be much better for our present and future prosperity that they do so and not call on the outside world for aid And I earnestly recommend that your honorable body take such action in the premises as an enlightened statesmanship may suggest, and such as the exalted principles of humanity and the inspired teachings of Christianity will approve

RAILROADS

We can not look for any railroad extension or construction until the country recovers from the commercial and financial depression which now exists In late years railroads have been built mainly by subsidies, and with money obtained from abroad and not with means furnished by the citizens of the country through which the improvements have been made Our population is rapidly increasing settlements are extending and new ones are opening up, and there is a large annual increase of the products of the soil and we must soon have more railroads The people of the Sioux Valley, of the Vermillion Valley of the Dakota river valley, and those along up the Missouri feel the need of additional means of transportation, and are clamoring for railroads, but that they are not yet in a condition to construct them is an undeniable fact How and when then are we to get them? We answer, that we must appeal to the generosity of the general government and ask that a part of the public lands be donated to us as they have been to other states and territories for that purpose And further we must encourage capitalists by a most liberal system of legislation to assist in our expansion and development by investing their own means in new railroad enterprises, and in extending such as already have a foothold in our young and growing territory In order to build up we must have help from without and our legislation must be such that the capitalist who comes here to put his money into railroads or other enterprises will feel that it is safe, and that he is not to be made the subject of oppressive taxation to satisfy an agrarian or fanatical sentiment

In some of the older communities powerful corporations have doubtless become oppressive monopolies, but the good over balances the evil done by railroads as ten to one throughout the land, and the few instances of monopoly and oppression that have occurred by no means justify the howl that has been made, nor the unwise and impolitic legislation that has occurred in some of the States Railroad property, like all other property, should be the subject of taxation, but a people who acknowledge their own inability to build roads and who are inviting capital from abroad to come and build for them, should be very guarded how they tax, or how they propose to tax, such property

The people of the Territory owe a debt of gratitude to the men who conceived and carried to their present unfinished condition, the roads we have, as well as to the government that so liberally aided some of them And our people should cultivate kindly feelings of friendship with those who have extended these great arteries of trade and commerce to this remote outpost of civilization, by levying only a nominal tax on their property, especially now while their earnings are small, and by the pursuance of a uniformly liberal and generous policy, encourage others to come and extend and enlarge the system of railroads, in our Territory, which a few bold and adventurous men have commenced

REVISION OF THE LAWS.

The necessity for a thorough and systematic codification of the statutes of the Territory is severely felt and imperatively demanded, and I earnestly recommend that you take prompt action in this important work Owing to the confusion which now exists, and the difficulty experienced in satisfactorily construing laws, and in determining what is and what is not in force, justice is often delayed and sometimes altogether thwarted Our code of civil and criminal procedure, and all our legislative enactments, should be made so simple, so plain and so direct and unmistakable in their meaning, that they may be readily comprehended and understood, not only by the learned men of the legal profession, but they should be so comprehensive that all the people who are required to obey and be governed by them can understand them

This is a work that should receive early attention, and I trust you will not adjourn until some much needed improvements and wholesome reforms have been perfected

IMMIGRATION

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THE BLACK HILLS

The reported presence of precious metals in the Black Hills by the officers commanding and persons accompanying the military expedition made by order of the government of the United States to that section of this Territory during the past summer has created a good deal of excitement not only in Dakota but throughout the country ... [illegible]

TERRITORIAL OFFICERS

I respectfully recommend that the Auditor Treasurer Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commissioner of Immigration be required either to reside at the Capitol or to keep an office there attended by a deputy and to be accessible at all times to the public This may require some little increase of salaries but it these officers are necessary at all they should keep their offices at the seat of government and in my judgment our increasing population and business demands the change even though it should be a little more expensive

TERRITORIAL LIBRARY

Most of the States I believe send us copies of the Reports of their higher courts, and an extensive Law as well as Miscellaneous Library would soon be accumulated provided the books were properly cared for and protected but there has evidently been to much negligence heretofore in the custody of this property, and this negligence has occasioned considerable loss to the Territory I respectfully recommend that a suitable appropriation be made for rent of room for library to pay freight and other charges on books donated and to compensate some suitable person for labeling arranging and exercising a general supervision over all the books belonging to the Territory I suggest that the Secretary of the Territory would be a proper custodian for the property, but your honorable body can either designate some one or authorize the governor to appoint a librarian as to you may seem best The property is too valuable to be neglected, or to be scattered and wasted The whole library should be in the custody of some one person, who should be required to take the receipt of some responsible person for every book removed from it By the adoption of some such system alone can this valuable property be protected

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

A rearrangement of the territorial boundaries of the three Judicial Districts of the Territory is imperatively demanded for the convenience of citizens and the prompt administration of justice, and I respectfully call your attention to the urgency for speedy action on this subject

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATION

Your attention is called to the inequality and injustice of the present apportionment, and I respectfully urge that you rearrange the Council and Representative Districts, and I trust you will perform this duty with due regard to population, and that entire justice will be done to every part of the Territory And this should be done too without any regard to the proposed new Territory of Pembina, which however desirable may never have an existence in fact But justice should be done to the people of Northern Dakota, by giving them their proportionate part of representation in our legislative assembly

TIMBER

Nothing will enhance the value of the prairie homestead so rapidly as the planting of trees and the growth of timber Besides the improved appearance and additional comfort secured, a few acres of timber adds largely to the cash value and I earnestly appeal to every owner of the soil to plant trees, and respectfully suggest to your honorable body to encourage and foster the growing of timber by the enactment of wise and judicious laws, should your wisdom suggest that legislation is necessary on that subject

PARDONS

No pardons have been granted since I took charge of the Executive department But one application has been made, and in that I declined to take any action the case being then before the Supreme Court on appeal

THE ELECTION LAW

By the 34th section of the law regulating elections in this Territory, (see laws of 1870-71,) it the returns of the election in any organized county shall not be received at the office of the Secretary of the Territory within thirty days after the day of election, it becomes the duty of the Secretary to forthwith send a messenger to the Register of Deeds of such county, whose duty it shall be to furnish said messenger with a certified copy of such returns, and the traveling expenses of such messenger, at the rate of ten cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the office of said Register, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Territory

I suggest that this be so changed to make the expense thus incurred a charge against the delinquent county, for it is manifestly unfair that the people of the whole Territory should be taxed on account of the

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APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS ...

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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THE CENTENNIAL

The Centennial Exhibition which it is proposed to hold in Philadelphia in the year eighteen hundred and seventy six to celebrate and commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence, is attracting the attention not only of the entire people of our own country but of all the civilized nations of the world, and it is expected that all the christian powers of the earth will be represented in this great jubilee on the occasion of this first centennial anniversary of the freest and greatest nation on earth

While we cannot expect to compete with the states or even with the older territories in contributions to that vast collection still we can contribute something, and I imagine that every patriotic Dakotaian will desire that there be a Dakota department in this greatest of all world's expositions

Impressed that such would be the wishes of our people and in obedience to an invitation by the commissioners of the centennial exhibition to all the states and territories to appoint a board of managers not to exceed five in number, to represent the interests of their respective constituencies in the said exhibition, I appointed, by proclamation on the 16th day of February 1874, Hon J J Dewitt, Hon L W Miller, Hon A F Shaw Hon Walter J S Traill and Hon W A Burleigh to constitute the said board for this Territory

I respectfully request that your honorable body recognize this board of managers and clothe them with all the necessary authority to co operate with the commissioners appointed by the President of the United States, in giving Dakota a respectable representation in this great International Exhibition

INDIAN AFFAIRS

I have heard but little complaint of Indian depredations along our borders during the present year The Indians on the reservations within Dakota seem to have been generally quiet and well behaved, and whatever may be the opinions of theorists on this problem, I am of the opinion that the present peace policy being pursued towards these wild tribes is the best ever yet instituted, and that results are being developed highly creditable to those who are concerned in the control and management of Indian affairs

While it is the duty of the general government to look after the Indians and prevent their infringing the rights of citizens, it is our duty, so far as the citizens of this territory are concerned, to see that citizens keep off the reservations and do not infringe those rights of the Indians, to maintain which the good faith of the government of the United States is pledged

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Though the need of them is severely felt the territory is not the owner of any public buildings We ought to have a capital building sufficiently large to accommodate the sittings of the legislative assembly and the various federal officers, and also a penitentiary for the safe keeping of convicts, and I recommend that you memorialize Congress for an appropriation for these purposes

CONCLUSION

Being fresh from your constituencies, selected it is to be presumed from amongst all the people on account of your superior intelligence and acknowledged virtues, I bid you welcome, in their name, to these legislative halls, and invoke the blessing of Almighty God to give you wisdom and courage sufficient for every emergency that may arise in the discharge of the responsible duties upon which you are about to enter

JOHN L PENNINGTON

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, YANKTON, D T Dec 7 1874

Mr Gladstone has struck the nail, or rather the bottle, on the head this time At his suggestion, every Monday morning a list of the week's drunkards, wherever found, is published in the Liverpool papers, giving the names and occupations of the transgressors in full Genteel drunks have perceptibly fallen off

SELECTED POETRY

NEWSPAPER ENGLISH OF 1881

[illegible]

The Bamboo

Among the infinite variety of plants with which Nature has clothed the earth the bamboo is one of the most useful to uncivilized man [illegible]

[illegible] The loftiest of the bamboos is the *Sammot*, which sometimes rises to the height of 100 feet, with a stem of only 18 inches in diameter at the base, the hollow wall of which is but 1 inch in thickness The next largest species is the *Illy*, which usually reaches a height of from 60 to 70 feet The third largest prevails throughout the continent and islands of Southern Asia, and grows to the height of 50 feet

As the stems of the bamboo are hollow, and yet divided by strong partitions at the joints, they are readily converted into cups, water vessels, boxes, and cases of every sort, and even into boats and barrels They also make excellent cooking utensils, as they will admit of water and vegetables being boiled in them The stem of the *B Tobaccaria*, which is so hard that it will strike fire under the blow of a hatchet, is polished and used for the stalks of tobacco pipes

About sixty species of the bamboo are native to China, and throughout the Empire it is cultivated in the gardens of the poor and the parks of the wealthy, and put to every conceivable use The tubes form aqueducts for carrying water, and handles and ribs for fans and umbrellas The leaves are sewed into rain cloaks for farmers and boatmen, are made into sails, matted into thatches, and swept into heaps of manure Cut into splints, the wood is made into baskets and trays of every form and fancy, twisted into cables, plaited into swings, and woven into mats, for the purposes of the casing of goods The shavings are packed into oakum to be stuffed into mattresses The bamboo furnishes the bed for sleeping, the couch for retiring, the chair for sitting, the chopsticks for eating, the pipe for smoking, the flute for entertaining, a curtain for the door, and a broom to sweep around it The ferule to govern the scholar, the book he studies, and the paper he writes, all originated from this wonderful grass The tapering barrels of the organ, and the dreadful instrument of the lictor—one to strike harmony, and the other to strike dead, the rule to measure lengths, the cup to gauge quantities, and the bucket to draw water, the bellows to blow the fire, and the bottle to retain the match, the bird cage and crabnet, the fishpole, the water-wheel and eave duct, wheelborrow and hand cart, and a host of other things we have no room to mention, are the utilities to which this magnificent grass is converted"

A specimen of bamboo growing in Brazil may be called a living fountain of sweet and refreshing water It grows from 30 to 40 feet high, with a diameter of 6 inches The stems of the shoots are filled with a cool liquid, which allays the most burning thirst The plant is a grateful boon to a hot country, where it supplies the natives, who may be afar from water, with a delicious beverage

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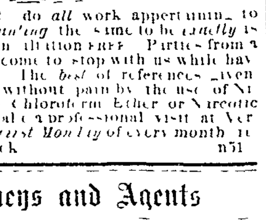

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How Tennyson Looks and Works

I remember distinctly the first time I saw Tennyson—he was about fifty seven then Having been pointed out to me in a drawing room, I could not believe him to be the laureate His height was hidden by a stoop, his once luxuriant locks were scant, his face was thin, his eyes inflamed, and partially concealed by blue glasses His manner was nervous, uneasy, awkward in the extreme, his voice querulous and disagreeable in spite of its depth He was almost a burlesque of the bard I had imagined If his nose had been painted vermillion, and he had a cotton umbrella under his arm, he might have appeared in opera bouffe as a satire upon what he had been I believe he was then suffering from ill health as well as from one of the unamiable moods to which he is at all time subject I have met him since under more favorable circumstances, but I shall never forget my first impression of him The thin hair, the blue glasses, the bent form, the querulous tone will stick to my memory like importunity to a book agent

The author of "Locksley Hall has always been a tireless toiler over his manuscript, spending hours, some times days, it is said, upon single lines Many of his poems, and parts of his poems have been entirely unlike that which he sent to the printer His apparently easy, natural flow of language has been purchased with the utmost pains He has confessed some times that it is an agony to write, and yet he takes pleasure in the agony which gives him added fame He never surrenders any intellectual task until he has satisfied the last degree of his fastidiousness He occasionally makes his first draft with facility, afterward changing, pruning, filling line after line, word after word

Like all the irritable kind, he is variable and moody, especially in composition One day he will do five times as much as he will another, sometimes he finds it impossible to write Generally, however, he works steadily and regularly, while he is at Farringford, leaving his literary labors behind him when, as they say here, he comes up to London His habit is to shut himself up in his library, never permitting himself to be disturbed under any circumstances Nevertheless, he is interrupted, and he grows wild with nervous irritability The slightest interruption is sufficient to expel the demon of inspiration for the day, and introduce the demon of discord in his stead

The poet's general mode of writing is extremely slow He builds his poems word by word, just as a brickmaker makes a wall, brick by brick, except that the poet takes a hundred times the trouble that the mechanic does to arrange and cement his words together The song "Come into the Garden, Maud," is reported to have cost him more thought and labor than any poem of the same length he has ever composed I have been told that he wrote it fifty times before it pleased him, and then he spent nearly a month at it "Locksley Hall" is another marvel of effort He wrote it in two days and occupied the better part of six weeks, for eight hours a day, in altering and polishing it He used frequently to work as long as that, of late years he rarely spends more than four hours out of twenty-four in composition One of his favorite poems is "The Princess," which he considers his best production, after "Idyls of the King"—*English Correspondence St Louis Times*

Two Tugs Attempt to Tow an Island.

On Tuesday last a strange sight was to be seen in our inner harbor, a few rods below the canal It was nothing more nor less than the attempt of two strong tugs to tow an island, nearly two acres in extent, out into the lake All who have ever visited our city have admired the charming little islands, heavily covered with trees, shrubbery and foliage, with which our bay is dotted, and very skeptical have they been when told that those islands are "floating islands," and that during very severe winds they not unfrequently change their locations, and that during the past few years, several of those which formerly adorned our bay, have been driven across that sheet of water, and lodged against and "grown to" Minnesota Point These statements, though rather marvelous, were nevertheless true; an instance of the migratory character of these islands occurred during the terrible gale of last Saturday night, an island embracing nearly two acres in extent being torn from its moorings near Rice's Point, on the western side of the bay, and carried clear across the bay to Minnesota Point, where it lodged just this side of the dry docks of W W Allen & Co On Tuesday two tugs endeavored to tow this island out through the canal into the lake, but after working for a long time, they gave it up, we believe, as a bad job—at least we notice that it is still there This island is a kind of a boggy-tamarack-swamp formation, has a black, loamy, spongy soil, and contains a large grove of pine, tamarack and cedar trees some of which are of considerable size—besides a thick growth of underbrush What Messrs Allen & Co will do with their island we do not know, but we are safe in saying that they have a couple of acres of real estate which they will sell cheap and on long time—*Duluth Tribune, Nov 12*

It has come to light that the Treasurer of Bishop Cheney's church society, who was recently thrown into bankruptcy, has been using the money entrusted to him as an officer of the church to bolster up his weakening business, and that the final crash of his fortune takes with it church funds to the amount of several thousand dollars

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The latest dodge of the "shovers of the queer" is to take a counterfeit ten and a genuine, cut them in two, pasting the one half of a genuine bill and the half of a counterfeit together; the operation necessarily gives the bill thus produced a ragged appearance, and is very well calculated to deceive any one not taking particular notice.

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 10, 1874

CLEVENGER EXIT.

Introducing Mr Wheeler S. Bowen, recently editor of the Janesville, (Wis.) "Daily Gazette," as the gentleman who has purchased the entire PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN establishment, I thus give my adieux to the readers of the paper and my associates in the business, not forgetting to salute the overworked, and in many cases underpaid, brethren of Dakota sanctums generally If but few productions of my pencil or scissors have found their way into the columns of the paper during my part-proprietorship our subscribers have lost nothing thereby, and I have escaped public judgment of my abilities as an editor

In stepping aside from my regular occupation to engage in this business some of the objects in view have been attained, such as the consolidation of the faction organs, the somewhat consequent concentration of Republican energies in the Territory, and a discontinuance of disgraceful local issues engendered by rival papers on rival streets

The new proprietor, Mr Bowen comes among us with undoubted recommendations to our favor. He has had much experience as the editor of a Republican Daily, and has never belonged to or affiliated with any other than the Republican party As an encouragement toward Mr Bowen's promising career I hope our friends will redouble their patronage in the way of advertising subscriptions, and job work, as a guarantee of the welcome we should extend to this deserving 'knight of the quill' who has expressed himself so well pleased with our thriving city, its surroundings and inhabitants, and given such substantial pledges of his confidence in the future prospects of the same With the very best wishes for our successor aforesaid and for every man, woman and child in the universe, of whatsoever persuasion, creed, race, color or complexion of politics, I go back to the obscurity from which I came with no worse feelings to any one than that God may bless everybody and everything

S V CLEVENGER

TO THE PUBLIC.

The last issue of this paper having finished my editorial and business connection with the PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN, a few last words may be expected

My work in the last ten months has brought me into pleasant relations with a large number of gentlemen previously strangers, to whom I feel indebted for much favor and encouragement Those associations will be remembered with pleasure, and I hope do not terminate with my retirement from this position

It causes increased satisfaction to know that this change has been the means of securing to the city and Territory the advantage of the talent, experience and capital of my successor, Mr W S Bowen

To brethren of the press, as well as to patrons and readers, my thanks are due for liberality and courtesy far beyond my merit, and with renewed hopes for the success of the PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN and the prosperity of the thriving young Territory for whose welfare we all labor, I leave the journalistic vocation to more professional hands

A W BARBER

SALUTATORY.

It is not necessary for us to say much on this occasion, as in the future there will be abundant opportunity for an expression of our views through the columns of the PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN We simply wish to announce that we have come to stay, and that it is our intention to devote our best efforts towards the development of a country unsurpassed in natural advantages by any geographical division within the limits of the United States Politically our paper will be Republican—merely that and nothing less Territorial, county and municipal affairs will be treated as impartially as an unbiased, though human, judgment will permit, and to the end that the greatest good shall come to the greatest number of the inhabitants thereof, so far as it lies within our power to attain that end We are in hopes to sustain by our efforts the excellent character now enjoyed by this paper, and cannot withhold our expression of gratitude to the worthy gentlemen whom we succeed for the ability and well directed industry which have given to us a journal already popular, influential and self-sustaining With the hope that the public will extend to us the liberal patronage with which it has favored our predecessors, and that our brethren of the press will welcome us to the fraternal circle, we enter the field as editors and publishers of the PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN

W S BOWEN & CO

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The message of Gov. Pennington to the Eleventh Session of the Legislative Assembly, now in session at Yankton, will be found in full on the first page of this paper The document is a good one in all respects. It is ably constructed and replete with sound, practical and apt suggestions which will undoubtedly meet with a ready response at the hands of our law makers to whom it is directed

The tone of the message is forcible and spirited, exhibiting much sincere thought and an honest confidence in the necessity of the reforms and measures urged

The usury question is ably handled and will probably elicit a larger share of criticism than any other portion of the message

Men who have money to loan may not approve the Governor's recommendations, but there is strength in the position that "high interest is only another name for bad security This subject is one of the first importance, and if legislation can be of any practical benefit it would be wise to try it

We see nothing in the document but an earnest desire for the welfare of Dakota and its people, in which respect, and in its comprehensive scope, it is superior

With these brief remarks, we commend the paper to our readers, and ask for it a thoughtful perusal

A LONDON dispatch of the 4th inst, states that Mr Looke, the Secretary of the Emma Mining Company, having refused to produce the books and papers before the special examiner, Vice Chancellor Malius, on behalf of Mr Askew, the petitioner for winding up the Company, ordered their production, remarking that the case was one requiring investigation, and it would be scandalous to the administration of justice if the petitioner had not the remedy which he sought, and that the principles which might apply in winding up a bona fide concern could not apply to a company which has suddenly broken down after enormous sums have been obtained from shareholders upon the faith of statements which to all appearances were utterly untrue

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Eleventh Session of our Territorial Legislative Assembly convened at Yankton on Monday, Dec 7, and an organization was readily effected by the Republican members who selected Hon G C Moody, of Yankton county, to the Speakership of the House, and Hon John L Jolley, of Clay, to the Presidency of the Council

No one will question the qualifications of either of the presiding officers for the positions to which they have been called Col. Moody is considered one of the ablest lawyers in Dakota, and has had abundant experience to fit him for the responsible duties of a legislator

Col Jolley has already attained a high place in the legal fraternity of the Territory and will do justice to his excellent reputation in the important position he now holds

Among the members of the present House and Council who have been members heretofore, we find the following named gentlemen

COUNCIL

Horace J Austin, who represented Clay county in the House in 1865-6 and 7—and in the Council in 1867-8 and 9 He was President of the Council in 1867-8

O F Stevens, who represented Union county in the Council in 1865-6 and 7, and again in 1872-3

John Lawrence, who represented Yankton in the House in 1863-4-5, and was a member of the Council from Yankton in 1872-3

Jacob Brauch, who represented Yankton in the House in 1865-6-7-8 and 9—in the Council in 1870-1, and in the House again in 1872-3

G W Harlan, who represented Lincoln in the Council of 1872-3

John L Jolley, who represented Clay in the House in 1867-8 and 9

Rev M Hoyt, Chaplain of the Council, was elected Chaplain of the Council in 1862-3-4 and 1865-6-7-8 and 9—and 1870-1 He was chosen Chaplain of the House in 1864-5

HOUSE

G C Moody, who represented Yankton in the House in 1867-8 and 9, and was elected Speaker for the session of 1869

Amos F Shaw, who was Secretary of the Council in 1868-9, and represented Clay in the House in 1870-1, and was elected temporary Speaker of that body

Lasse Bothun, who represented Clay in the House in 1862-3 and in the Council in 1863-4 and 5

Knud Larson, who represented Yankton in the House in 1862-3 and 4, and again in 1868-9

Michael Curry, who represented Union in the House in 1865-6-7 and 8

W T McKay, who represented Charles Mix in the Council in 1870-1 and 1872-3

J W Wahl, who represented Lincoln in 1872-3

C F Mallahan, Chief Clerk of the House, occupied the same office in the session of 1872 3

C B Valentine, Ass't Clerk of the House, occupied a like position in the House in 1870 1

All of the new members whom we have met appear to be fair minded men and keenly alive to the interests of the Territory The people look to this Legislature for reforms in various matters Much important legislation is required and the time is limited in which to mature it Unflagging and intelligent industry, however, on the part of the members, will accomplish all that can be reasonably expected, and will win for these public servants the lasting gratitude of their constituents

YANKTON'S PROSPECTS.

Mr Gaston, the Governor elect of Massachusetts, is a fortunate gentleman In 1864 he invested $4,000 in real estate in Denver, Colorado In June last the returns had amounted to $6 500, and the sale of the rest of the property, just concluded, brings in $169,300, a total of $175 800, made with $4 000 in ten years —'Harper's Weekly'

In 1864 the prospect of Denver was not apparently one-tenth part as good as Yankton at the present time Denver has no agricultural land around it, except by irrigation Yankton is surrounded by a good agricultural country Denver was six hundred miles or more from any railroad Yankton is the terminus of a railroad and the starting point of a line of steamboats for the Upper Missouri Denver had a vast mining country west of it, so has Yankton The Black Hills and Big Horn Mountains are probably as rich or richer in mineral resources than Colorado, they are in the same meridian, and there is no longer any doubt but "the whole mountain system is gold bearing"

Yankton is growing very fast—some two hundred buildings having been erected in the last year, still not a vacant tenement can be found More dwelling houses are imperatively needed. Property is now very low Our taxes are only about one-third as high as in our neighboring State This being true, here are many openings, like the one leading this article Yankton being the central point for all Dakota and Northern Nebraska, must have in the near future a wonderful growth. Holders of real estate have but to hold on a few years to realize very largely on their property The pioneer who has braved the hardships of frontier life and now owns real estate in or near Yankton, should not be too anxious to sell, by holding a short time longer he will more than realize his early hopes and anticipations

ABOUT RAILROADS.

A friend hands us the following letter from a well known railroad man, which will be read with interest

BLAIRSTOWN, N J, Sept 7, '74

W W BROOKINGS, Esq, Yankton, Dakota

DEAR SIR —Your letter, also a paper, containing notice of meeting at Sioux Falls, an account of projected railroad, I received, and read with interest

The grange laws and the illiberal spirit manifested in some of the western States against railroads, which laws and rates fixed rates on some new roads, with taxes, the earnings will not pay the running expenses and taxes Competition was such that business on many only paid running expenses Without such laws, at this time, it is about impossible to sell bonds of western roads You have a good country, and I think your line, over the ground named, the best one to the Sioux Falls You ought to get a law passed clearing the road of all taxes whatever, until it paid a dividend of 7 to 8 per cent, and when it does this, pay a tax of ½ per cent on valuation to the State, and then fix the rates favorable in the law If this was done, then you may succeed Capitalists will not embark in an enterprise that demagogues may confiscate their property I should like to see your road succeed, as it will feed our other roads

Yours Respectfully,
J I BLAIR

In connection with the contest between McDill (Rep) and Cate (Dem) for the privilege of representing the 8th Congressional District of Wisconsin, a Madison dispatch of the 6th inst says "The application for a writ of mandamus compelling the State Board of Canvassers to reject the returns of Wood County and award the Congressional certificate to McDill (Republican), was argued before the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon by Judge Harlow and S Orton for, and S. U Pinney against The discussion lasted until 5 o clock The court then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, when a decision will be announced Owing to the severe illness of his wife, Judge Cole does not sit on the case"

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Eleventh Session—(III Biennial)

COUNCIL—FIRST DAY

YANKTON, DAKOTA, Monday, Dec 7, 1874

The members elect of the Territorial Council convened at the council chamber in the city of Yankton at 12 m this day and were called to order by Hon John Lawrence, who nominated Hon John L Jolley to be temporary President Nomination sustained Arthur Linn was elected temporary Secretary

The roll of members was then called, when the following gentlemen answered to their names H J Austin Jacob Brauch, P Chandler, Benton Fraley, G W Harlan, John Lawrence, A. McHench, M Pace, M W Sheafe, O F Stevens, Clark S West, E A Williams, and John L Jolley

The oath of office was then administered to the members elect by Chief Justice P C Shannon

The Council then proceeded to a permanent organization

Mr Chandler nominated John L Jolley, of Clay, for permanent President

Mr. Stevens nominated Mr Sheafe, of Union

A vote being taken, Mr Jolley received the votes of Messrs Austin, Brauch, Chandler, Harlan, Lawrence, McHench, Pace, Sheafe West, and Williams

Mr Sheafe received the votes of Messrs Fraley Stevens, and Jolley

Mr Jolley was declared elected

Mr Lawrence nominated Mr Linn for Secretary

Mr Stevens nominated J B Brollette

The vote for Mr Linn was the same as that cast for Mr Jolley, except that of Mr Sheafe who with Fraley and Stevens voted for Brollette, while Jolley voted for Mr Linn

Mr Harlan nominated B S Gillespie for Ass't Secretary

Mr Sheafe nominated L Q Jeffries

Mr Gillespie was elected

Mr Austin nominated E B Dawson as Enrolling Clerk

Mr Sheaf nominated T J. Sloan

Mr Dawson was elected.

Mr McHench nominated J W Blanding for Engrossing Clerk.

Mr Stevens nominated Jerry Gehon

Mr Blanding was elected

Mr Harlan nominated E A. May, of Moody county, for Sergeant-at-Arms

Mr Sheafe nominated Mr Wilkinson

Mr May was elected.

Mr Brauch nominated Justus Schnell for Messenger

Mr Stevens nominated Mr Munson

Mr Schnell was elected

Mr Pace nominated Ole Holther for Watchman

No other nomination was made and Mr Holther was unanimously elected

Mr West nominated S. Peterson for Doorkeeper

Mr Stevens nominated T J Maxwell

Mr Peterson was elected

With the single exception of Mr Holther who was unanimously chosen, the foregoing officers were elected by the same vote which selected Mr Linn as Secretary, while the defeated candidates were uniformly sustained by Messrs Fraley, Stevens, and Sheafe, representing the Democratic strength in the Council

Mr Austin nominated Rev. G M Binks for Chaplain

Mr Lawrence nominated Rev M Hoyt for Chaplain

Mr Hoyt was elected by Messrs Brauch, Chandler, Lawrence, McHench, Sheafe, Stevens, and West

Mr Binks received the votes of Messrs Austin, Fraley, Harlan, Pace, Williams, and Mr. President.

Chief Justice Shannon then administered the oath to the officers elect

On motion of Mr Chandler the Secretary was directed to notify the House of the organization

On motion of Mr Lawrence the former rules of the Council were adopted temporarily

On motion of Mr Williams the President appointed Messrs Williams, Lawrence and Sheafe a committee to draft rules for the government of the Council

On motion of Mr Brauch the Council took a recess for one hour

On re-assembling Mr Lawrence moved that a committee of two be appointed to inform the Governor of the permanent organization of the Council Messrs Lawrence and Stevens were appointed

The Council then adjourned until 10 o'clock, a m, to morrow

COUNCIL—SECOND DAY

TUESDAY, Dec 8 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair Prayer by the Chaplain

Mr Lawrence introduced Council bill No 1, a memorial to Congress asking for a division of Dakota Territory, which was passed under a suspension of the rules, and notice was given by Mr Stevens that he would move to reconsider the vote to morrow

Mr Austin introduced C B No 2, An act to repeal sections 478 and 480 of the penal code approved January 11th, 1865.

Read first time

Mr Lawrence introduced C B No 3, A bill to define the Judicial Districts of Dakota Territory, and to provide for holding courts therein

Read first time

A committee of the House appeared and escorted the members of the Council to the Hall of the House, where a joint convention was organized for the purpose of receiving the Governor's message [See House report]

At the conclusion of the message the members of the Council returned to the Council chamber, and adjourned until to morrow morning at 10 o'clock

HOUSE—FIRST DAY

MONDAY, Dec 7 1874

The members elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Hall of the House at 12 M, Monday, December 7, 1874, and were called to order by the Chief Clerk of the last session, C F Mallahan, Esq, of Union county, who called the roll of members, when the following gentlemen responded to their names

1st District—Michael Curry, Desire Chausse, Ira Ellis and M M Williams

2d District—Scott Wright, J M Cleland, S Svenson, O. B Larson and Knud Larson

3d District—G C Moody, H O Anderson, J H Haas, L Sampson and A L Van Osdel

4th District—Joseph Zitka and Henry Reifsnyder

5th District—George Bosworth

6th District—Jas M Wahl and Joseph W Berry

7th District— ———

8th District—Amos F Shaw, Herman N Luce and L Bothun

9th District—C H Stearns

The oath of office was then administered to the members elect by Associate Justice A H Barnes

The House then proceeded to a permanent organization, with the following result

Speaker—Col G C Moody
Chief Clerk—C F Mallahan
Ass't Clerk—C B Valentine
Enrolling Clerk—— Goodyear
Engrossing Clerk—John Nelson
Messenger—Warren Osborne
Watchman—O B Peterson

The Speaker administered the oath of office to the officers elect

On motion of A L Van Osdel, the Chief Clerk was instructed to notify the Council of the organization of the House

Mr Shaw presented a resolution adopting the rules of the last House temporarily. Adopted Also, a resolution that Mr Hackett, of Burleigh county be sworn in as a member Lost

Mr. Pat Hand, of Union, was then sworn in as a member

On motion of Mr Shaw, Messrs Shaw, Wahl and Van Osdel were appointed a committee to examine the contested case of Hackett vs McKay claiming seats from the 7th District

Mr Knud Larson nominated Knud Oleson as Doorkeeper, who was elected

On motion of Mr Cleland, Rev Mr Jamieson was elected Chaplain of the House

Mr Berry presented a resolution asking that a committee of three be appointed to examine the claims of Hector Bruce and D M Kelleher, of Cass county, both claiming a seat in this House Adopted The Speaker appointed Messrs Berry, Cleland and Curry

Messrs Van Osdel, Bosworth and Williams were appointed a committee on joint rules

On motion of Mr Shaw, Messrs Shaw, Stearns and Zitka were appointed a committee to inform the Governor of the permanent organization of the House

Mr Williams in the chair

Mr Moody introduced House File No 1, entitled a bill for an act to repeal section 10 of chapter 2 of the session laws of 1872-3

On motion of Mr Van Osdel Messrs Ellis, Shaw and Wright were appointed a committee to draft rules for the House

On motion of Mr Bothun, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o clock A M

HOUSE—SECOND DAY

TUESDAY, Dec 8, 1874

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair

Roll called Absent—Messrs Haas, and Stearns Prayer by the Chaplain

A petition was received signed by Mrs E P Wilcox, Mrs Joseph Ward, Mrs M F Burrows, Mrs G W Delamater, Mrs H A Etter, Miss A C Hooker, Mrs N Ford, Mrs T N Bray, Mrs John Bremner, Mrs M L Tripp, Mrs F J Dewitt, Mrs A G Fuller, Miss Henrietta Faulk, Miss Charlotte Faulk, and Mrs Wm Pound, asking the use of the Hall of the House for the purpose of holding a Fair for the benefit of the Congregational Church

The special committee in the case of Hackett vs McKay, was allowed further time

The select committee in the case of Bruce vs Kelleher made a report which was recommitted

Mr Bothun presented a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Territory to furnish postage stamps to the members Lost

Mr Wahl in the chair

Mr Moody gave notice of a bill to repeal section 2 of chapter 2 of laws of 1872—3

On motion of Mr Wahl the House took a recess for one hour

Re assembled

Mr Shaw from the joint committee reported that the Governor would communicate with the Legislative Assembly in joint session at 2 o clock, p m

On motion of Mr Van Osdel, Hon J H Burdick, U S Marshal, and Hon Wm Pound, U S Attorney, were admitted to seats within the bar of the House

On motion of Mr Wahl the Chief Clerk was instructed to invite the Council to meet the House in joint session at 2 o clock p m, to receive the communication of the Governor.

House file No 1 was read a second time and referred to the judiciary committee

The House then took a recess until 2 o'clock

Re convened at 2 p m

A resolution was presented by Mr Shaw asking for the appointment of a committee of three to inform the Council that the House is prepared to meet them in joint session

The Speaker appointed Messrs Shaw, Anderson, and Curry

The committee retired and soon reappeared escorting the members of the Council to the Hall of the House, where they were provided with seats

JOINT CONVENTION

The Speaker of the House called the joint convention to order

The Secretary of the Council and Ass't Clerk of the House acted as clerks of the joint convention.

A message from Gov John L Pennington was then presented by his Private Secretary, W I Jan[illegible] read by W B Valentine, Ass't Clerk

After hearing the message the joint convention dissolved

The House was called to order by the Speaker

On motion of Mr Shaw 2,000 copies of the Governor's message were ordered printed, and the document was made the special order for 1 o'clock, p m, on Saturday next

The minority of the special committee in the contest case of Hackett vs McKay, submitted the following report

MR SPEAKER —Your committee to whom was referred the question whether Mr Hackett or Mr McKay is entitled to the seat in this House from the Fifth Representative District, respectfully report that from a careful examination of all the returns in the Secretary's office and the facts connected therewith, we are of the opinion and find that Edmund Hackett received a majority of the legal votes cast in said District, and is *prima facie* entitled to a seat in this house

A F. SHAW

Messrs Van Osdel and Wahl submitted the following majority report

MR SPEAKER —Your select committee to whom was referred to investigate and report who is entitled to a seat in this House from the Fifth District, have examined the returns from the different counties in said District now on file in the Secretary's office, and beg leave to make the following majority report

Register of Deeds in Chas Mix county returns as follows

In Chas Mix,	McKay 4—	Hackett,	3
Brule Precinct,	" 36	"	2
Ft Buford,	" 93	"	4

Register of Deeds of Buffalo county returns

Buffalo—McKay,	36—	Hackett,	2
Sully,	" 63	"	0
Burleigh,	" 77	"	322

Number of votes cast for McKay, 408
" " " Hackett, 333

It appears that the vote cast in Buford is directly sent by the Judges of Election to the Register of Deeds of Charles Mix Co for canvassing, and he has made the returns to the Secretary

It also appears that the votes cast at Brule Precinct and returned to the Secretary by the Register of Deeds, of Charles Mix county, is the same as returned by the Register of Deeds of Buffalo county, and if so, deduct 36 votes for McKay and 2 votes for Hackett from the whole number of votes cast It leaves McKay 372 and Hackett 331 votes

There is, however, gross irregularities in the manner in which the returns are made to the Register of Deeds in Chas Mix Co, compared with the laws of 1872-73, chapter —, page 126 And also gross irregularity or neglect of the Register of Deeds of all the junior counties in said Fifth District, in not appearing at the office of the Register of Deeds in the senior county (Chas Mix) within the time prescribed by law (or not appearing at all) for canvassing the votes of said District compared with the law of 1870-71, chapter 17, page 425 Certificates of Election shall be signed by all such Registers of Deeds in such Districts In conclusion we think that McKay is entitled to a seat in this House during the contest

A L VAN OSDEL,
J W WAHL

Mr Curry moved the adoption of the minority report

Mr Ellis in the chair

The question was debated by Messrs Moody, Bothun, and Shaw

Mr Speaker in the chair

Mr Curry's motion being put it was lost by the following vote

YEAS Messrs Bosworth, Bothun, Chausse, Curry, Hand, Luce, Reifsnyder, Shaw, Stearns, and Zitka—10

NAYS—Messrs Anderson, Berry, Cleland, Ellis, Haas Larson O B, Larson Knud, Sampson, Svenson, Van Osdel, Wahl, Wright, Williams, and Mr Speaker—14

Mr Curry moved to adjourn Lost

On motion of Mr Berry the majority report was then adopted by the following vote

YEAS—Messrs Anderson, Berry, Cleland, Ellis Haas, Larson O B, Larson Knud, Sampson, Svenson, Van Osdel, Wahl, Wright, Williams, and Mr Speaker—14

NAYS, Messrs Bosworth, Bothun, Chausse, Curry, Hand, Luce, Reifsnyder, Shaw, Stearns, and Zitka—10

Mr McKay then came forward and the oath of office was administered to him by the Speaker, when he took his seat

On motion of Mr McKay, the House adjourned

TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS

Fargo celebrated the opening of a new hotel on Tuesday evening of this week

Palmer & Bushnell propose to erect a steam flouring mill at Springfield next season

Vinzey Hotchkiss, a son of R A Hotchkiss of Burbank was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun on Wednesday afternoon last

The Northern Pacific *Mirror* says that John Dunlop has sent to England for two steam plows with which to agitate the soil in the vicinity of Fargo

The Springfield *Times* of last week contains a call for a meeting of all persons interested in the organization of a mining company for the Black Hills region

Cornelius Hope, of Vermillion, lost a barn and a $400 span of horses a few days ago, by fire Mrs Moore also had a dwelling house badly damaged by fire No insurance in either case

The monthly feast of the Elk Point grange was suddenly adjourned, last week, through the intervention of a sneak thief, who carried off the provisions prepared for the occasion

Clay county this year has expended $8,405 24 for educational purposes The county contains 48 organized school districts, 33 of which are in working order, and 1556 children in attendance

Sheriff Dawson, of Vermillion, has gone to Fort Madison, Iowa, with the young man McClintock, who was tried and found guilty of assaulting and stabbing with intent to kill, Mr Kusick, of Burbank

NEWS ITEMS

Congress assembled on Monday December 7th

Kala Kaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands is now the elephant in Washington

Edna Dean Proctor's libel suit against Mr Moulton was to have commenced yesterday

Josie Mansfield, of Jim Fisk notoriety, has returned to New York She still dresses well and looks healthy

The death by apoplexy of William F Havemeyer Mayor of New York city, is announced as having occurred Nov 30

The position of Supervising Architect, until recently filled by Mr Mullet, has been formally offered to John McArthur, of Philadelphia

John V LeMoyne has decided to contest the seat of Chas B Farwell, of Chicago, member of Congress elect from the Third Illinois District

Thomas W Bennett, Republican Territorial Governor of Idaho, has apparently been elected Congressional Delegate, by a close vote, over Fenn, Democrat

The report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs recommends an increase in the salaries of agents and citizenship of the Indian—holding lands in severalty, etc

Southern members arriving at Washington are generally united in a determination to call a caucus and, if possible, commit it to the passage of the civil rights bill

Capt George S Nares, now in command of the British ship Challenger, has been selected to command the expedition to be fitted out by Great Britain for exploration in the Arctic regions

Judge Hoar in giving his views to his friends at Washington, declares his belief that the course of Massachusetts Republicans in the late campaign has effectually killed the caucus system in that State

THE MISSOURI CANVASS—The official vote on the Missouri State ticket gives Hardin, Democrat, for Governor, 37 162 majority The vote on the constitutional convention, with three counties to hear from gives 1,108 majority for the convention, and it is probably carried by a few hundred

MICHIGAN—Official returns of the vote of Michigan show the election of six Republican congressmen by majorities ranging from 40 to 8 500, two Democrats, and one Independent The House stands 72 Republicans to 48 Democrats, and the Senate 18 Republicans to 14 Democrats There was a majority against woman's suffrage of 95,877

The German Congress or Reichstag now in session at Berlin has been the scene of noisy and violent discussion Prince Bismarck has proclaimed hostility to the Pope by withdrawing from the budget the appropriation to pay the German legation at the Vatican, and stated that while the Pope urges the Catholic clergy to break the laws of the States in which they lived, diplomatic relations between himself and Germany were useless

Rev Henry Ward Beecher preached a sermon on the Sunday amusement question, Sunday evening, Nov 29 He takes the ground that if the majority of the people want operas, and concerts and plays on Sunday, they have an undoubted right to have them, that the State has no right to legislate in the matter, further than to see that congregations assembled for worship are not disturbed

Alexander H Stephens says that when he was a boy he visited a melon patch, and "plugged" the most promising melons, intending to confiscate them when ripe, but he found that the plugged melons invariably rotted before they ripened In using this figure Mr Stephens very properly compares the Democratic party to a "plugged melon," when they reckon so confidently on electing a President in 1876 The figure is a good one

The Cheap Transportation Convention which has been in session at Richmond, Va, for a number of days, closed its proceedings on the 4th inst A partial result of its proceedings will appear this winter in the form of a memorial to Congress The name of the association was changed to the American Board of Transportation and Commerce Hon E B Crew, of Lodi, Clay county, represented Dakota very creditably, and is the Vice President from this Territory.

The Secretary of the Navy's Report

The annual report of the Secretary of the Navy has been submitted to the President It shows the navy to be in a remarkably efficient condition both as regards the number of vessels their armament, and sea going qualities The navy at present consists of 163 vessels, with 1,354 guns Of the ironclad, or armored, vessels, sixteen are of this class and in condition for actual and efficient service Four others of this class of powerful double turreted monitors are actually on hand undergoing repairs, and a fifth is well worth the same attention but the remainder may be counted as really useless for any active and efficient purpose One half of the steam navy adapted to cruising is in commission and in actual service This number of vessels cannot be prudently diminished, but if it is to be maintained there must be a gradual and constant addition to the navy to supply the places of those which are each year found to be worn out and unfit for further service, and for this purpose a fixed amount of tonnage should be built every year This amount may be small but it should be constant and unfailing To this end the department has accumulated a large amount of live oak timber in the various navy yards, where it will yearly improve in condition and be available as the very best material for the frames of any ships it may at any time be necessary or desirable to build The rapid and almost complete disappearance of this most valuable ship timber from our shores, large quantities being sent abroad, should arrest the attention of Congress, and measures should be taken to secure what remains The Secretary recites facts in the Virginius affair, and refers to the yellow fever epidemic at Pensacola and the great naval drill off the coast of Florida He recommends that if the Icelandic committee sent out in a government vessel to examine several points on the Alaska coast with a view to settlement by their countrymen, shall find at any point on the Pacific coast a satisfactory location, that whatever assistance the government is competent to extend toward establishing an Icelandic colony there be promptly offered as the Icelanders would be a valuable and fruitful source of supply to the naval service of trained American seamen in time of need The Secretary calls attention to the importance of the Hydrographic Office, and thinks special attention should be given to surveys of the North Pacific Ocean, and urges the propriety of increasing and developing the resources of navy yards The appropriations applicable to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, including the unexpended balance of the appropriations for building of new sloops and special appropriations to reimburse bureaus for their extraordinary expenditures during the threatened complications with Spain, amounted in the aggregate to $27,147,847, and the actual expenditures for the same period from these appropriations amounted to $26,254,155, or about $900,000 less than the whole amount The appropriations made available for the current year commencing July 1, 1874, amounted in the aggregate to $19,273,736 The amount of these appropriations for the current year drawn for the five months since July 1 up to Dec 1, 1874 is $11,854,446, which, reduced by the amount refunded during the period and that remaining in the hands of paymasters and agents of the government, will leave a little less than $9,000,000 as the sum actually expended from the current appropriations during the five working summer months of this year

WE give with the current issue of the PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN, the message of President Grant, in the form of a supplement to our paper The President enters into an exhaustive discussion of the various subjects of prominent importance to the people, giving to each difficult problem the impartial reasoning of a man who aims to represent the whole people Prominent among the recommendations of the chief executive is his expressed opinion in favor of legislation which shall tend towards the resumption of specie payments and the consideration by Congress, of the repeal of the legal tender act Upon the subjects of Southern outrages and Cuban affairs, the President is outspoken in his views A little time is needed in which to consider the suggestions contained within this important document, but in the end it will meet with the approval of the loyal masses who constitute the element of safety in a people governed by themselves

The Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report takes a stand in favor of the resumption of specie payments, upon the following basis, as compiled by the Chicago *Inter Ocean*

1 The repeal of the legal tender act at a fixed day—as to contracts thereafter made. 2 The issue of convertible bonds bearing a low rate of interest 3 A day for resumption to be fixed within three years, and the Secretary of the Treasury to be authorized, at the time fixed, and thereafter, from time to time, to raise gold by the sale of bonds sufficient to keep the Treasury in condition to redeem greenbacks 4 Fractional currency to be redeemed in silver, the mints to be set at work coining silver, the fractional currency to be retired as fast as the new coins are produced 5 The coining of gold to be made free, to prevent the exportation of bullion

A Valuable Medical Treatise

Hostetter's United States Almanac 1875, for distribution *gratis* throughout the United States, and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere will be published about the first of January, in the English, German, French, Norwegian, Welsh, Swedish Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the merchant, the mechanic the miner, the farmer, the planter, and professional man and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive National Calendar

The nature uses, and extraordinary sanitary effects of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the staple tonic and alterative of more than half the Christian world, are fully set forth in its pages, which are also interspersed with pictorial illustrations, valuable recipes for the household and farm, humorous anecdotes, and other instructive and amusing reading matter, original and selected Among the Annuals to appear with the opening of the year, this will be one of the most useful and may be had for the asking The proprietors, Messrs Hostetter & Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa, on receipt of a two cent stamp will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood The Bitters are sold in every city, town and village, and are extensively used throughout the entire civilized world

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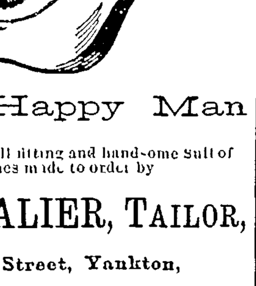
The Word System,

In Reading Columns of Figures at sight &c &c, explained and exemplified being a work of vast importance to Accountants, Teachers and Business Men generally

Sent by mail on receipt of One Dollar

Address
FRED PETERSON,
48 6m* **Box 68, Sioux City, Iowa**

This fellow bought Clothes in Sioux City and wishes he hadn't paid for them,



This Happy Man

Had a good well fitting and handsome Suit of Clothes made to order by

P. CAVALIER, TAILOR,

Third Street, Yankton,

Where he keeps the finest goods for custom work and

Gives a Man Perfect Fits

Or asks no pay He also keeps a man at work repairing all the time, and one who knows how to do good work Don't forget to go to CAVALIER and get your new Winter Suit, and take along your old ones for repair, unless you intend to give them to people who feel the pinch of hard times more than you do

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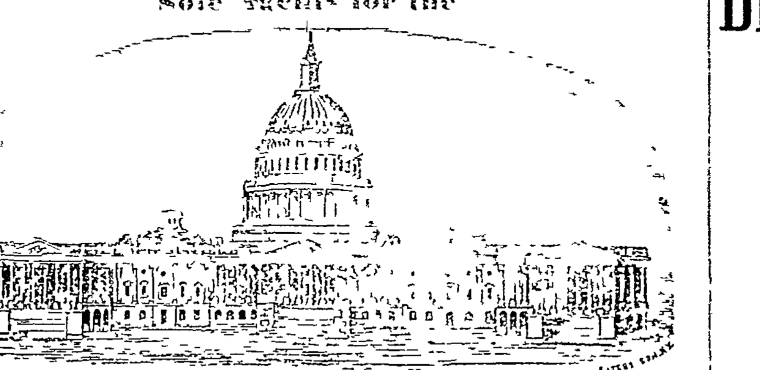
Sole Agents for the



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OILS, GLASS. BOOKS, LAMPS. PAINTS CIGARS. CUTLERY STATIONERY,

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An Immense Stock of

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Physicians Prescriptions carefully compounded by an experienced Pharmaceutist at all hours of the day and night

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WE HAVE REMOVED OUR STOCK OF

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Parlor, Sitting, Dining & Kitchen Furniture

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Picture Frames made to order, Window Shades, White Buff and Green Holland Curtain Fixtures, Cord Tassels, &c Repairing done on short notice We do our own work, and will sell as low as any house in the City CALL AND SEE!

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Room Lately Occupied by the Post Office.

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The Mankato Furniture Company

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ATHERTON & SHERMAN

Agents for the sale of their Goods at Yankton, and have Removed their Stock of Furniture from Capital St to Third St in the Room lately occupied by the Post Office

GREGORY BRO'S,

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(Opp Merchants Hotel,)

Wholesale and Retail

Grocery & Provision

DEALERS

New Goods of all Descriptions

FANCY GROCERIES!

The finest and freshest assortment of

Candies, Canned Fruits, Potted Meats, Jellies, Preserves, Nuts, Apples in Barrels Teas and Crackers of all kinds

ROASTED COFFEE

Of the very best quality and a complete stock of the celebrated

Oneida Community Fruits!

In Glass Cases

Every article in the trade of the finest and best quality, and in great variety

Grain Bought and Sold

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CITY LOTS FOR SALE

IN

Yankton, Sioux Falls & Springfield.

The undersigned has a large amount of first class property, improved and unimproved, both business and residence lots, which will be sold at low prices and reasonable terms Also

Prairie and Timber Lands.

Give me a call before purchasing as I have the largest list of property for sale in the above named towns

W. W. BROOKINGS,

Cor. Capital & Fourth Streets,

n32 tf YANKTON, D.T.

Hardware, Stoves, etc.

MAMMOTH

HARDWARE STORE.

WYNN, BUCKWALTER & CO.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALERS IN

Hardware, Stoves & Tinware,

Fence Wire, Carpenters' Tools,

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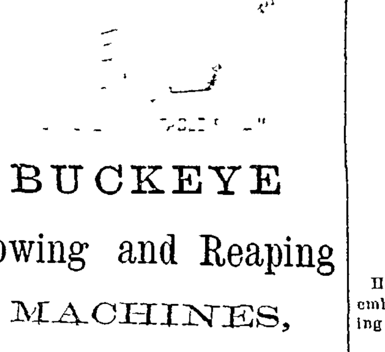

BUCKEYE

Mowing and Reaping

MACHINES,

Plows & Other Agricultural Implements

And also a general assortment of

SHELF HARDWARE

In STOVES we have the best assortment and quality They cannot be surpassed All Job work promptly attended to Also good strong and substantial Tinware manufactured All will be sold at the lowest cash rates

WYNN, BUCKWALTER & CO,

BROADWAY, - - YANKTON, D. T.

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Blatt & Buerdorf,

WHOLESALE

GROCERS

And Dealers in

Liquors,

Tobacco,

and Cigars,

BROADWAY.

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THE BEST!

Most Stylish!

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CLOTHING

AND

Gent's Furnishing Goods

TO BE FOUND

IN DAKOTA,

IS KEPT BY

Bates the Clothier!

ON

THIRD STREET.

His stock is New, Fashionable and Varied and embraces everything imaginable in the Furnishing Line,

CALL AND SEE

Bates the Clothier,

AND EXAMINE HIS GOODS AND PRICES.

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Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 10, 1874

LOCAL MATTERS.

To Subscribers

Under the arrangement effected between the old firm and the new firm, all subscriptions due upon the paper are to be paid to H S Bowen & Co The new firm will issue the paper to subscribers who have paid in advance until the contracts of the old firm have been fulfilled

To Advertisers

Contracts for advertising during the last quarter will not be made until the close of the quarter Due bills for payment will be made to the new publishers of the Press & Dakotaian who will settle with the retiring firm for their share of the advertising business during the quarter yet unsettled

The transit of Venus occurred yesterday

Read Mills & Purdy's Holiday Advertisement

Canadian honey and maple syrup at Fowler & Ketchum's

Fresh Cured Hams and fresh corn meal at Gregory Bros

Mr Weldon Smith, of Yankton, will lecture in this city to-night

New line of dress goods for sale at Gregory's by Fowler & Ketchum

Ketchum Bros sell no goods except C O D—that is why they sell at such low prices

The Yankton Indians have not finished hallowing yet An Indian never learns when to stop work

The Fall term of the Territorial District Court for Yankton county adjourned on Saturday last

Mr Brown's may be found at all times with a fresh confectionery, oysters, cigars nuts & &c

Ladies trimmed hats sold regardless of cost Now is your time to buy a hat cheap Fowler & Ketchum

A bill has been introduced into Congress by McCrary for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Black Hills reservation

The prisoners in the old jail will be removed to the new quarters prepared for the payment of malefactors the 1st of this month

Tea—Tea—Tea—the largest stock held by any one house in the city and for sale cheap by pound or package at Ketchum Bros

Gov Pennington, whose indisposition was referred to in these columns last week, has sufficiently recovered his usual health as to enable him to give attention to his official duties

The subscriber has two yoke of cattle which he desires to have wintered Also I wish to buy a good cow that will give milk through the winter Apply to T R Towle, Bayman

The members of the Catholic congregation of Yankton will give a public ball on New Years eve, the proceeds to be applied on the purchase of lots for a site for a new Catholic church 4w

Ketchum Bros having bought out the Gross stock of Fowler & Ketchum are prepared to offer extra inducements to all cash buyers—call and examine our stock and prices

Miss N Vaughn has opened a Dancing School in Woolley's Hall on Douglas Avenue On Tuesday evening the first lessons were given when a large number of ladies and gentlemen participated

Mens' and boys caps Your choice for 75 cts at Fowler & Ketchum's

Anything that Brown has in the way of confectionery, canned goods, tobacco, cigars, oysters, &c, &c, &c, he will sell cheap at wholesale or retail Goods received daily by express Call and see for yourselves

Fresh butter always to be found at Brown's

A couple of handsome flags have been presented by the Territorial Secretary, one which floats in the breezes from the flag staff on his office and the other displays its emblematic colors from the cupola of the new court house

Good jeans at 20 cts, per yard at Fowler & Ketchum's

Three families of Russians arrived at Yankton Tuesday night, direct from their native land They report favorable prospects for a large immigration of their countrymen in the spring, Southern Dakota being their contemplated destination

The celebrated favorite—the Peachblow Potato—$1 00 a bushel at Gregory Bros

Dry Wood! The subscriber has established a wood yard beside the Smithsonian Hotel where he will keep on hand the best quality of dry cottonwood, which he will deliver at any place in the city at $5 00 per cord Wood sawed twice in two one dollar extra delivered 1000 cords on hand cut one year ago Leave orders at H H Smith's

13tf W H FERGUSON

The next term of Mrs Magoffin's school for little ones will open on Monday, December 14th, at her parlor in "Dakota Hall There will be but one session a day beginning at 9½ A M closing at 2 P M No pupils received for less than half a term, and deduction made only for extreme Lessons on piano and singing for children who attend the school, seven dollars per school term Mrs Magoffin will also receive a few more *advanced* pupils *at the usual rates* Her thorough acquaintance with music in all its departments of Thorough Bass, Harmony, and Voice Culture, and her experience as a teacher, amply qualify her for teaching the most advanced pupils 2w

A Good move for Sioux City

Mr A J Sweetser, the landlord of the Merchants hotel, in this city, is negotiating for a lease of the Hubbard House, at Sioux City, with a fair prospect of obtaining possession The consummation of the business transaction will not, however, take Mr Sweetser from our midst, as he contemplates running both the Merchants and the Hubbard Every one who has been so fortunate as to secure a place beneath his roof will be willing to give testimony in favor of his capacity as a provider for the public For the good of our neighbor we are willing to spare Mr Sweetser one half of the time, but would not want to lose him entirely

Santa Claus has come with a large and choice selection of Christmas toys and may be found early and late at his headquarters, at Brown's Come one, come all

Hard Coal of the best quality, for sale at Sylvester & Folyer's coal house on the levee, or delivered to order Blacksmith's coal and soft coal also supplied tf

Boots & Shoes, a large and complete stock at lower prices than any House in Dakota Call and convince yourselves at Ketchum Bros

Board—A few boarders can be accommodated either with or without rooms at Mrs E Boughton's, corner Second and Linn streets tf

Alberti & Bremner, Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Capital Drug Store 1y

THE NEW COURT HOUSE

A Handsome and Commodious Structure.

As an evidence of the prosperity and progress of this portion of the Territory of Dakota, the people of Yankton can point with commendable pride to the new court house just being completed within this city Those who have taken part in court proceedings during the past have been subjected to numerous inconveniences which will enable them to appreciate the advantages of our new and commodious structure The legislature, too, shares in the benefits arising from the consummation of this public enterprise, while the community at large, though deriving no direct personal advantages from its presence, experience a sense of gratification over so conspicuous a local improvement The building was begun during the month of August and has been pushed steadily forward to its present imposing proportions It is of brick, two stories in height with an ample basement, the whole being surmounted by a tower The upper story contains a comfortable, well lighted court room and jury and ante rooms The first story is devoted to office rooms for territorial and county officials, the register of deeds, treasurer and clerk of the court having already begun arrangements for the occupancy of their new and conveniently arranged apartments The basement which is nearly above ground is to be used as a jail and considering the purposes to which they are to be devoted the various divisions of this department are pleasant and comfortable Six strongly constructed cells occupy a central position in the basement while around them is the common room of the prisoners The entire structure was erected at a cost to the county of $10,000 The carpenter work was done under the supervision of Smith & Thompson and the mason work under Mr W B Valentines directions The whole job is a credit to the contractors and an ornament to the city

The new building is now used by the legislature, the council occupying a room on the first floor and the house of representatives holding sessions in the court room above, both of which apartments have been furnished for their especial use

News and Photographs

Grant Hamilton at his new Gallery on Walnut street, is prepared to do artistic work in the finest style

The Famous and Delicious Oneida Fruits at Gregory Bros on Broadway

A first class barber wanted at the Smithsonian Hotel

Public Readings—A Course of Lectures

C Dale Armstrong, of Evanston Ill, will give a programme of choice readings at the Congregational Church in this city on Monday evening, the 15th inst, under the auspices of the Yankton Literary Association Mr Armstrong is favorably known at the east in connection with exercises of this nature, and can promise the people of Yankton a rich literary treat on Monday evening next The following includes his programme

PROGRAMME

1—Bellerophon Chittery Chapel . Lowell
2—Death of Poor Joe . Dickens
3—The Bells . Poe
4—Buck Fanshaw's Funeral . Mark Twain
5—Music
6—Exhibition of Ventriloquism
7—Music
8—The Vagabonds . Tourgee
9—Leap Years Woom . McRae

The Association is just entering upon a course of lectures which will be given every two weeks during the present winter The following lecturers have already been secured Col Sanford, 10th of January, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, about the 1st of February, followed probably by Gen Judson Kilpatrick, two weeks after Other distinguished platform orators will be secured to fill out the course, the whole furnishing a season of literary enjoyment and instruction not common to our frontier city

Ketchum Bros invite the attention of all to their complete stock of Dry Goods, Groceries and Boots and Shoes and they must be sold before January 1st 1875 We mean business for C O D

Teas—all the choicest brands, purchased recently at low rates, and for sale at correspondingly low prices at Gregory Bros

Two pair merino hose for 25 cts at Fowler & Ketchum's

For the Holidays

The approach of the holiday season is the excuse given by the Postoffice News Co for filling its shelves, counters and show cases with so attractive an assortment of books, stationery, toys, etc The firm has taken unusual pains to provide for the wants of the people of Yankton and surrounding country, and its success in this effort will be better appreciated by a thorough examination of the elegant stock now exhibited for public inspection Particular attention has been given to the selection of books, chromos, steel engravings, stationery, toys games, etc, though there is an endless variety of other articles peculiar to the holiday season. The Postoffice News Co desire to extend, through the columns of the Press and Dakotaian an invitation to the people to call and look over the goods

The most complete stock of Extracts, Baking Powder, Canned and Dried Fruits, Ground Coffees and Spices in Dakota Territory you will find at Ketchum Bros

Best dry cord wood for sale in any quantity large or small, and delivered to order anywhere in the city Apply at Albee's lumber yard

SYLVESTER & FOLYER

Fair and Festival

The New England Fair and Festival to be given by the ladies of the Congregational Church and Society takes place on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst, at the Legislative Hall, in the new court house The ladies of this Society have a well established reputation in this community for providing strictly first class entertainments of this nature, and we judge from the labor and attention they are giving to the enterprise that it will throw all other previous efforts of this line into the shade They have shown great skill and taste in the preparation for sale at that time of a large variety of fancy and useful articles, which will be in demand for Christmas gifts An attractive feature of the occasion will be the musical concert of instrumental pieces, under the direction of Prof Wm Nelson, the talented violinist, who will during the evening give his solo rendering of Norma, opera from Bohm, Home, Sweet Home, with variations, solo for violin, Gungle We predict for such a combination of good things a crowded house, an evening of enjoyment to everybody, and an agreeable opportunity for giving tangible expression of our sympathy for a good cause

Roasted berry coffee A novelty We purchase the green coffee and have it roasted in the new patent roaster, saving to our customers the trouble and loss occasioned when coffee is burned in the roasting process This article is meeting a ready and increasing sale and can be had only at Gregory Bros, Broadway, exclusive Family Grocery

Blankets have tumbled Our prices are from 50 cts to $1 00 lower than ever Fowler & Ketchum

Ketchum Brothers have on hand the largest Stock of Staple and fancy Groceries in the city and make the lowest prices

We have a large stock of Nubias, Sachs, Hoods, Scarfs, &c Sold at reduced prices Fowler & Ketchum

PERSONAL

Mr L D F Poore, editor of the Springfield *Times*, is in town He is interested in the progress of a contested seat case from his locality.

G M Binks intends delivering in Yankton, his lecture entitled, "The Land Laws of England" some time during the session of the Legislature

Dr J H Warren, of Albany, Wisconsin, who is interested in numerous mail contracts in Dakota, called at our office on Monday He left for Wisconsin Tuesday

Mr C F Mallahan, of Elk Point, editor of the Union County *Courier*, favored us with a call this week Mr Mallahan occupies the position of chief clerk of the house

Any information concerning the fate of McAllister Bell at dead or his whereabouts if living, will be communicated to his anxious mother left or sent to the Post Office at this city

Hon A H Barnes, Judge of the 3d Judicial District, who has been in Yankton several days, attending an adjourned term of the Supreme Court, left on Tuesday morning for Wisconsin

Mr C H Graham, formerly of Yankton, but now a Coloradan and largely interested in the famous San Juan mines, is now in Yankton He will visit Chicago before returning to San Juan

Mr Arthur Linn of the Sioux Valley *News*, published at Canton, is another editor whose dignity and services have been recognized by the legislature He holds the responsible position of secretary of the council

Gen I Beadle returned on Saturday last from a trip to Fargo and beyond to inspect a portion of his land surveys The General reports that during his stay in that polar region the thermometer indicated 25 degrees below zero

A F & A M

Regular Communication—Tuesday evening, December 22d, A L 5874 So journing brethren in good standing are invited to attend Hall in Fuller's block, Cedar street

Geo H Hand, W M
Frank Van Tassell, *Secretary*

Standing Committees of the House and Council.

The following standing committees were announced by the Speaker of the House and President of the Council on yesterday

HOUSE

WAYS AND MEANS—Messrs Williams, Bosworth, O D Larson Zitka

JUDICIARY—Messrs. Shaw Wahl Cleland Van Osdel, Curry

RAILROADS—Messrs Ellis Lerry Anderson, Wright, Chavise, Luce, *vacant*

PUBLIC LANDS—Messrs Kaud Larson Roberts Meloy

FEDERAL RELATIONS—Messrs Pothan, Hays Sawyer

EDUCATION—Messrs Cleland Shaw, Williams

TOWNS AND COUNTIES—Messrs Wahl Stearns Curry

MILITARY AFFAIRS—Messrs Wright Pothan, *vacant*

INCORPORATIONS—Messrs Anderson Ellis, Luce

AGRICULTURE—Messrs Luce, Lerry Zitka

MANUFACTURES—Messrs Lerry Hand, O D Larson

ELECTIONS—Messrs Wahl, Stearns, Van Osdel, William Curry

INDIAN AFFAIRS—Messrs McKoy, Sampson, *Roberts*

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS—Messrs Hays, Chavise Bosworth

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Messrs Sampson, Kaud Larson, Shaw

PUBLIC PRINTING—Messrs O D Larson Van Osdel Ellis

HIGHWAYS, FERRIES AND BRIDGES—Messrs Stearns Sveen on *vacant*

MINES AND MINERALS—Messrs Swasey Hand Mekoy

ENGROSSMENT—Messrs Van Osdel, Wright Wahl

ENROLMENT—Messrs Shaw, Cleland, Sampson

COUNCIL

JUDICIARY—Messrs Lawrence Williams Stevens

EDUCATION—Messrs Austin Harlan, McHench

MILITARY AFFAIRS—Messrs Harlan, Pace, Fraley

INCORPORATIONS—Messrs *Brauch*, Chandler, Sheafe

FINANCE—Messrs West Pace, Fraley

ELECTIONS—Messrs Lawrence, Austin, Sheafe

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Messrs Chandler, McHench, Harlan

MINES AND MINERALS—Messrs Williams Lace, Fraley

INDIAN AFFAIRS—Messrs Brauch, Harlan, Stevens

MANUFACTURES—Messrs McHench, Austin West

PUBLIC LANDS—Messrs Pace Brauch, Chandler

COUNTIES—Messrs Harlan, Williams West

TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS—Messrs Austin, Lawrence McHench

AGRICULTURE—Messrs West Chandler Stevens

EXPENDITURES—Messrs Chandler, Brauch, Williams.

FEDERAL RELATIONS—Messrs Harlan, Lawrence, Sheafe

PUBLIC PRINTING—Messrs Williams West, Fraley.

ENGROSSED BILLS—Messrs Lace, McHench, Austin

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES—McHench, Brauch and Stevens

ENROLLED BILLS Austin, Sheafe and Harlan

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS—Pace, Williams and West

RAILROADS—Lawrence, Sheafe and McHench

IMMIGRATION—Brauch, Williams and Harlan

The following majorities on Governor at the late election, in the several States named, are official Alabama, Democratic, 13,190, Minnesota, Republican, 5,521, Virginia (Congress), Democratic, 16,959, South Carolina, Republican, 11,667, Kansas, Republican, Governor, 12 923, Nevada, Democratic, 2,584

Oatmeal, Pearl Barley, Maccaroni, Vermicelli, Baking Powders, Yeast cakes and canned goods in great variety Cheap C O D Ketchum Bros

The remains of the late Mayor Havemeyer of New York, were interred on Saturday with public honors

Flour, Salt, Hams, Shoulders, Dried Beef and Butter cheap for cash at Ketchum Bros

Invalids and Dyspeptics will rejoice to learn that oat meal can be had at Gregory Bros

The finest flavors of cigars at prices lower than any in town at Gregory Bros

New stock of prints, from 5 to 10 cents per yard, at Fowler & Ketchum's

Children's merino and knit underwear at Fowler & Ketchum s

A full line of Fresh Crackers—something new—at Gregory Bros

A nice line of zephyrs and yarns at Fowler & Ketchum's

Go to Brown's for your oysters and A No 1 cigars.

Merinos 37 cts per yard at Fowler & Ketchum's

A large lot of nice onions for sale at Brown's

3 Pounds Good Tea for $1 00 at Ketchum Bros

Hats & Caps in endless variety at Ketchum Bros

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Yankton, D T, Dec 9 1874 If not called for in 10 days, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office

Allen Peter	Nicklin Alice
Anderson Charles F	Peary Frank
Bendrig Louis N	Paterson, Lew S
Blaisle Jo	Simon Rev B
Cochrane Frank D	Simonson S J
Clow G W	Shears Newton
Chambers Mrs Letitia	Seymour Miss Laura
Doherty Michael	Sinclear Capt T F
Evans Thomas	Smith James H
Kinkbeiner—2	Pelin Miss Anna H
Geddes R H	Van Sterson Louis
Grimes John M—2	Wilson L—2
Harman E R	Winter Charles
Marsh Joe	Weber Johnnas
Munson Agnes	

LETTERS HELD FOR POSTAGE

F Butterick & Co New York,	due 2
Silas Axtell, Cedar Rapids Ia,	3
H D Boogo & Co, Sioux City, Ia,	3

Persons calling for advertised letters, will please say advertised

A W HOWARD, P M

EXCELSIOR!

MILLS AND PURDY

—FOR THE—

HOLIDAYS, 1874-5!

Rich Goods for Gifts.

Vases,
Toilet Sets.
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Tell you all about it Next Week.

MILLS & PURDY.

YANKTON ACADEMY.

Scholarship, Attendance, Deportment.

Averages for the Second School Month of Fall Term, 1874

HIGHER ACADEMIC CLASS

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Scholarship	Attendance	Deportment
William H Sanborn	89 6	97	99
Helen L Moody	89 5	100	99
Carl E Fritzell	87 9	100	92
Martha J Higbee	84 9	84	97
Charles E Burdick	76 8	100	96

SENIOR PREPARATORY CLASS

Carrie M Pyle	89 6	98	95
Sarah E Field	83 7	99	91
Alice L Levy	88 8	75	88
Eliza R Higbee	86 1	71	92
Hannah B McIntyre	83 1	99	100
Ella D Edmunds	83 3	100	98
Mary H Todd	76 8	92	100

MIDDLE PREPARATORY CLASS

Alice G Shelton	90 1	100	97
Ida L Hitchcock	88 3	97	100
Lilla J Dewey	87	95	89
Louisa A McIntyre	85 6	75	92
Carrie M Anderson	84 6	89	99
L Althea Childs	81 3	100	97
Matilda C Todd	82 1	96	99
Edwin W Van Tassel	77	70	74
James C Moody	71 3	88	70
Alice Trumner	71 8	86	92
Martha J Smith	70 2	95	86
Lillore Fuller	68 8	85	97
Robert Jamison	67 6	76	99
Lilien G Shannon	68 3*	93	99

JUNIOR PREPARATORY CLASS

Edward H Pound	91 3	92	98
Louisa Palmer	90 6	98	97
S Lulu Pitts	89 8	98	97
George R Parmer	89 2	91	100
Mai L Beadle	88 9	100	88
Edwin L Whitney	85 3	91	94
Joseph S Todd	84 2	91	93
Bertha Morrow	81	99	99
Frank D Bell	83 2	100	81
Madison W Brooks	79 5	84	91
William L Jamison	78 5	86	96
George H McIntyre	77	99	94
Gilmore G Fry	74 2	88	71
Annie L C Atherton	72	91	78
Harry A Higbee	71 7	91	62
James M Whitney	70	96	69
Harriet E Spinks	69	97	90
Josie Cavalier	66	55	89
John L Maggie	54 6	100	85
William P Dewey Jr	54 1*	99	68
Sarah J Sanborn	73 7*	99	98

SECOND YEAR PRIMARY CLASS

Mary H Pound	92 2	85	90
John D Whitney	90 4	90	96
Helen T Miner	89 3	96	98
Lizzie B Bissman	88 3	88	98
William L Pound	87 7	85	95
Fannie A Foster	83 5*	16	100

FIRST YEAR PRIMARY CLASS

George Parmer	89 5	92	74
Hazel Bramble	81 7	91	85
George A F Case	79 3	100	100
Jessie Mathiesen	75 1	90	100
William F Karson	68	98	100
Rosa M Dunlap	61 6	100	98

IRREGULAR IN STUDIES

Louisa Cavalier	81 7	70	92
Harry G Van Tassel	73 7	77	77
Addison L Brooks	61 6	77	73

*Not present at the examination

WM M BRISTOLL, Principal

Yankton Quintette Band.

Mr Wm Nelson has organized a string band numbering five musicians, and tenders his services to the public for balls, parties festivals, etc Orders left at Potter & Wood's jewelry store or at the Eagle House, will meet with prompt attention Mr Nelson will also give instruction on the violin to a few scholars Terms moderate Apply as above directed tf

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

For the Week Ending Dec 1, 1874, Yankton, D T.

War Department, Signal Service U S A, Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce

MEAN DAILY BAROMETER	THERMOMETER		WIND			SKY & THER	
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4	30 22	36	nw	225	00	33	43
5	30 156	35	sw	175	00	21	51
6	30 221	51	nw	285	00	27	49
7	30 163	11	"	200	00	18	58
8	29 938	13	nw	212	00		51

C A SHAW,
OBS SER S S U S A

OBITUARY

CHILDS—Passed away, while asleep Sarah A wife of James A Childs, on Nov 27 1874 Aged about 50 years

Mrs Childs came to Dakota in July, 1874, with her husband and four children, and proceeded immediately to the western part of Turner Co where Mr Childs invested and located She endured all the privations incident to Dakota pioneer life, which are chiefly religious and social, with a happy and brave spirit, making a pure and genial home atmosphere till the present year, when her failing health dampened her spirits and made her long for the old home comforts and associations For some months she knew her life was likely to be cut off at any time, as a cancer had started and grown with remarkable haste It cut to the surface in July, constantly paining her and distressing the mind from fear of the long and weary months that so many are compelled to undergo She was of a frail constitution and delicate health always, with consumptive tendencies, and during the last months the lungs became rapidly weakened, and made it very difficult to breathe She bore every pain with holy resignation and remarkable fortitude, calmly speaking of her probable death without a doubt or murmur She felt that all was well with her, and only asked if it might be spared the weary agony of death by cancer and to see the dear friends in the old home This last request she knew was impossible, as her strength left so rapidly, but the first was mercifully granted, for with but a weeks confinement to her bed, which she was able to leave every day and even to sit at the table with the family to eat up to the last day, when she closed her eyes in natural sleep—quietly slipped from earth, so gently that watching friends could not tell when this world closed and the other opened to her vision She was a loving amiable woman, a faithful wife, devoted mother, and sincere christian, a woman free from malice, full of charitable pity and compassion for every suffering one and one of whom none could truthfully say aught but good She was laid on Sunday last, in the Swan Lake burial grounds, and next Sunday Rev J J McIntyre will deliver a funeral discourse at the house All are invited to attend

This is a weak offering and most unworthy to lay at her feet and I loved her so

C B L ACHER

Stop that Cough!

Many persons hesitate to try a remedy for a disease, on account of the expense, connected with the uncertainty of its benefitting them, while at the same time, had they confidence in that remedy the expense would be the least objection With this fact in view, we are authorized to make the following proposition Any person suffering with a cold, cough or sore throat, that will call at our store and purchase a bottle of Hale's Cough Cordial, use one half of it, and if they then conclude that it is doing them no good, they can return the bottle and receive back their money

No medicine ever sold in this vicinity, that produced such magical results Don't fail to try it [8tc32] For sale by MILLS & PURDY

YANKTON RETAIL PRICE LIST.

CORRECTED WEEKLY

Wheat ℔ bu	55
Oats, ℔ bu	50c
Barley ℔ bu	70c
Corn ℔ bu	50c
Potatoes, ℔ bu	$1 00@1 20
White Beans ℔ bu	$1 25
Beef cattle, ℔ cwt	$2 75@3 00
Pork, fresh, ℔ cwt	$6 00@7 50
Pork salt, ℔ ℔	15c
Hams sugar cured, ℔ ℔	17c
Shoulders ℔ ℔	12c
Bacon ℔ ℔	17c
Corn Beef, ℔ ℔	10c
Eggs, ℔ doz	30c
Butter, ℔ ℔	30c
Cheese ℔ ℔	20c
Flour ℔ cwt	$2 25@2 75
Corn Meal, ℔ cwt	$2 00
Salt, ℔ bbl	$2 75@3 25
Kerosene, ℔ gal,	45c
Sugar, brown, 9 lbs for	$1 00
Sugar, extra yellow "C" 8 lbs for	$1 00
Sugar, white coffee "A" 7½ lbs for	$1 00
Sugar, crushed and granulated, 7 lbs for	$1 00
Rio Coffee ℔ ℔	25@30c
Java Coffee, ℔ ℔	40c
Young Hyson Tea, ℔ ℔	$1 00@1 20
Japan Tea, ℔ ℔	75c@$1 20
Black Tea ℔ ℔	75c@$1 20
Molasses, ℔ gal	60c
Syrup	80c@$1 25
Dried Apples, ℔ ℔	12½
Dried Peaches, (Salt Lake,) ℔ ℔	15c
Raisins ℔ ℔	25c
Cottonwood Lumber, ℔ m feet	$14 00@16 00
Pine Lumber, common ℔ m feet	$22 00
Pine Lumber, culls, ℔ m feet	$15 00@18 00
Flooring ℔ m feet	25 00@40 00
Siding ℔ m feet	20 00@25 00
Finishing, ℔ m feet	25 00@40 00
Shingles	$2 00, 400@4 50
Lath	$4 50
Ceiling	$25 00@35 00
Wood, ℔ cord	$4 50
Lime, ℔ bu	50c
Coal, hard ℔ ton	$18 00
Coal, soft (Illinois) ℔ ton	$12 00
Coal soft (Ft Dodge) ℔ ton	$7 50

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Will discount agents prices Warrant it to be of the best make Will sell at half its value
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DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between S V Cleveger and A W Barber, under the firm name of Cleveger & Barber is this day dissolved by mutual consent

S V CLEVEGER,
A W BARBER

Yankton, D T, Dec 5, 1874

NURSING.

MRS DERMOTT would respectfully inform the people of Yankton and vicinity that having had several years experience in Nursing and Midwifery, she holds herself in readiness to attend all those wishing her services Ladies can rest assured of having the best of care City references furnished Can be seen at residence on east side of Douglas Avenue, third door south of the bridge n17 tf

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THE
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ALBERTI & BREMNER,

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China, Bisque Wax, Rubber, Dressed and Knit DOLLS, Doll Heads and Bodies Doll's with Natural Hair Tin Wash Tubs, Pails, Banks, Horses and Animals on Wheels, Wagons, Carts, Guns, Cars &c

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Horse Trainers, Rattles in Tin Iron and Bone *Toys in Iron*—Sad irons, Savings Banks, Chime Bells, Steam Engines, &c **Tool Chests,** Hot Air Toys, Air Pistols and Tops **Games**—Dominoes Chess and Checker Boards and Men, Back Gammon and Cribbage Boards, Dice Cups, Card Boxes, **Card Games** of Poets Authors, and Asiduie, Bezique, Picture Puzzles Panoramas, Dissections, Nine Pins, Picture and Puzzle Blocks, Expression, Masquerade, Alphabet and Spelling Blocks, Kindergarten and Building Blocks

ACROBATS---RUBBER GOODS!

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Dec 1, 74 tf YANKTON, D. T.

SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, by virtue of an Execution to me directed and delivered, issued out of the office of Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court within and for the County of Yankton and Territory of Dakota upon a judgment rendered in said court wherein J W Hoffman was Plaintiff and S J Spink and W. W Brookings were Defendants, I did on this 11th day of November, 1874 levy on the following described premises or real estate as the property of said Spink, to wit The W½ of S½ of section Two, (2) Township Ninety three (93) and Range Fifty six (56) and Lots Eight and Nine (8 and 9) Block Twelve (12) Yankton, City of Yankton and County of Yankton, D T, except a strip of land twenty five feet wide off from the east end of said lots 8 and 9 situate in Yankton County, and that I shall on Tuesday the 15th day of December, 1874, at the hour of 2 o clock p m of said day at the front door of the Court Room, in Morrison s Block, Capital Street in the City and County of Yankton, D T, proceed to sell all the right, title, and interest of said Spink, in and to said premises, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, amounting to Two Hundred and Six Dollars and Ninety Cents ($206 90) Dollars, with interest thereon from May 11th 1873, and the interest on Four Hundred and Fifty ($450) Dollars, from May 13th 1873 to July 7th 1873, and the interest on One Hundred ($100) dollars from May 13th, 1874 to February 7th, 1874, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, together with all accruing cost of sale at Public Auction to the highest and best bidder for cash

L W CASE
Sheriff of Yankton County D T
Moody & Cramer, *Atty's for Plaintiffs*
Dated at Yankton, D T, this 11th day of Nov 1874

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered issued out of the office of Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court, within and for Yankton County and Territory of Dakota, upon a judgment rendered in said Court wherein John Treadway was plaintiff and S L Spink was defendant, I did on this 13th day of November, 1874, proceed to levy upon the following described property, real estate of said S L Spink situated in Yankton county, D T to wit Lot four (4) in block seven (7) in southwest quarter (sw ¼) of southeast quarter (se ¼) of section twelve (12,) in township ninety three (93) of range fifty six (56) and lot four (4) in block (4) in southwest quarter (sw ¼) of south west quarter (sw ¼) of section seven (7) in township ninety three (93) of range fifty five (55,) and section lots in block forty (40,) Witherspoon s Yankton, to wit Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 and that I shall on Wednesday, the 10th day of December, 1874, at the hour of 2 o clock p m of said day, at the front door of the Court Room of the Second Judicial District Court, proceed to sell all the right title and interest of the said defendant, Spink, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, amounting to five hundred and ninety one 25 100 ($591 25) dollars with interest thereon from the 20th day of October, 1874, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, together with all accruing costs of sale, at public auction for cash

L W CASE,
Sheriff of Yankton county, D T
Moody & Cramer, Attorneys for Plaintiff
Dated at Yankton D T, this 18th day of November 1874 15-5w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court within and for the County of Yankton and Territory of Dakota, upon a judgment rendered in said court wherein L P Wilson was Plaintiff and S L Spink was Defendant I did on this 11th day of November 1874 levy on the following described real estate, as the property of said Spink to wit Lots Five Six, and Seven (5 6, and 7,) Block Twelve (12) Yankton, City of Yankton, and County of Yankton, D T, and SE¼ of SE¼ and NW¼ of SE¼ and Lots Seven and Eight (7 and 8) of Section One (1) Township Ninety three, Range Fif

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 10, 1874

NATURE VIEWED WRONG SIDE OUT

Gossip on its Depravity

In the N Y *Herald* recently appeared an account of the exercises at a cathedral, on the occasion of the priest's blessing and baptizing the new bell previous to its being elevated to the tower to fulfill its high office This being a custom peculiar to a certain church, the clergyman explained it by saying that since the Fall of Man, not only had the human race been wicked and impure by reason of that sin, but also the earth and all inanimate nature, so that all such material objects as the soil of the cemetery, the stones and timbers of the church or the brazen metal of the bell, were tainted with the primeval curse of sin, and unfit for sacred uses until sanctified

This doctrine, though new to us then, yet coincides with many previous impressions It has always seemed as if the doctrine of total depravity, if true at all of mankind, was particularly sound in reference to inferior animals, and inanimate things There are too many minor evils and annoyances in our dealings with the material world to believe that there is not a malignity of purpose belonging to insensate objects Ignorant people used to say that evil spirits and wicked faries caused all this mischief But we, more enlightened in doctrinal points, can see a safe and improving way to explain it, on the ground of the total depravity of things in general

It is true, this assumption is not in accord with the general current of our best literature The lesson is everywhere inculcated, that all nature is lovely and pleasant, that all things were created for man's use and benefit, and were just as perfectly adapted to his needs as he could have wished We are told how beautiful and admirable are all the arrangements of life, and the natural inference is that a man must have a very wicked heart, who cries out in rebellious mood when lightning strikes his house or hail impoverishes his farm, or some cold winter morning he finds his pump frozen up and burst Impelled perhaps by the lowest grade of depravity, we will consider the question in a manner not quite congenial to the optimist theory that all is for the best Suppose we take the ground that not only man is prone to do wrong but that all the lower forms of life, even plants, stones, earth, air, and water, are just as bad as he is, or a trifle worse if possible, preferring evil to good, and mischief above all things

Taking this view of the case, is it any longer a matter of wonder that chickens love to scratch in the choicest beds of the garden better than elsewhere, that feline serenades generally happen just under the window of some tired sleeper, that when a picnic is approaching it generally rains, that when a loose board in the sidewalk is stepped on, it flies up to break some one's shins, that if a boy treads on an old barrel hoop, it will jump up and hit him in the back of the neck that when you go into a neighbor's yard at night in a hurry, whether you are a tall or short man his clothesline is just as high as the bridge of your nose, that you always see plenty of game, very close at hand, when you have no gun, and that on the very darkest nights, when the moon is most needed she invariably refuses to shine?

If a well is dug, or a coal mine, it fills up with gas, of one of two kinds One kind will suffocate a man in a moment, and the other will explode and blow him into the next world. He can tell which kind he has on hand by trying it If a little boy drops his bread and butter, it always strikes in a certain way Lamp chimneys will break without provocation, just for their own malicious amusement So will banks and insurance companies Brick chimneys will either smoke or take fire and burn out, or drip ink about the room And what householder thinks that the stove pipe he worked so hard so put together, is free from premeditated and unpardonable guilt? If a new bell needs to have the original sin blessed out of it, what can be done to reform a stove pipe that wont fit, or a chimney that draws upward or downward just as its own unregenerate nature may dictate?

In the vegetable world we see widespread proofs of unbounded perversity of disposition Here Darwin's law of the survival of the fittest gives way to another—the survival of the most worthless In these old gardens once all the choice food plants of horticulture were planted and tended with care, but as soon as abandoned for other uses, every useful and beneficent plant and seed dies out, and only noxious weeds cumber the ground Has not the earth shared the primeval curse, and does it not love and nourish the deadly nightshade better than its cousin *Solanum*, the potato? Another proof of the natural wickedness of plants is seen in the parsnip Plant and tend it in the garden and it is nutritious and wholesome, but leave it to self sow and vegetate neglected, let the forces of unregenerate nature deal with it unmolested for a year or two, and its root is a rank poison that kills whole families at a meal What is this but total depravity among inanimate things, in its most decided form?

Why is it that every crop has its plague that is at perpetual war with the farmer? Why might he not have been allowed to raise a crop of wheat without a crop of weevils, chintz bugs, and grasshoppers? Why not potatoes without bugs and rot? Why not cotton without the destructive worm, grapes without the aphis, plums without the curculio? Total depravity again Nature shows a grudge against everything that man loves; and makes a continual fight against indulging him to his hearts content, but who ever knew a worthless weed, thorny bush or poisonous shrub to have any natural enemies to limit its growth?

Reproduction of useful plants is only secured under most favorable circumstances, by the exercise of care and skill; but noxious weeds cannot be rooted out. They are Nature's special favorites Like the vices of unregenerate humanity, they may be kept down by watching night and day but when this vigilance is released, up they come as bad as ever Take for example the burdock and the "devil's pitch fork," as usually called If undisturbed they will grow tall and rank bearing quarts of seeds, all gifted with the necessary apparatus for hooking themselves on to our clothing and being carried to every nook and corner of the country, as if it were of the highest importance in Nature that every square rod should raise its due proportion of these interesting herbs But keep the garden well hoed from May to September, cutting off every green thing, and then say, "I can now lay down my arms and consider the fight ended for this year, for it is too late in the fall for those weeds to ripen seed" But watch the result The persevering, wicked, and thoroughly depraved plant shoots up, as cheerfully as if nothing had happened, it hurries up a few inches, puts forth all its vigor some warm day, has one or two big blossoms, and ripens its pernicious podful of seeds amid October frosts that would ruin a crop of Hubbard squashes, and behold your garden is seeded with "pitch forks" for ten years to come

Another instance showing that in the natural world evil generally takes the preference If the farmer puts the seed in the ground a trifle too deep, or too shallow, too early or late, when too wet or too dry, he loses labor, for it will not produce a crop But all his vegetable enemies are free from such restrictions. The seeds care nothing for being buried deep or lying all winter on the surface They never rot or freeze to death, but like the evil promptings of the heart, spring into life at the first sunshine of opportunity Plough them under, and raise a hundred crops of grass above them, yet they lose not their vitality, and for aught we know, they keep warm and wide awake in their long cold bed, happy in thinking of the mischief they will do when next the ploughman turns them up to the light of day It may be a lifetime since the wheatfield with its kail and cockle was turned into a meadow, and not a blossom of them seen in all that time, yet cultivate the soil again and up spring the cockle and kail, while if a week of wet weather follows the planting of corn on the same land, every kernel of it may rot and perish

But the insect world proves our position with greater force than all the rest What has man ever done, that his spiritual good should require the torments that his corporeal nature endures from the pirates of the atmosphere? There are two insects useful to mankind, for they produce the silk cocoon and the honey-comb, on the other hand are a million sorts of insects, all needless and superfluous for our uses, and generally annoying or destructive The silkworm must be carefully tended, kept in warm rooms or climates, and constantly fed. All the rest can take care of themselves to perfection A colossal fortune awaits the Yankee who will find a way to mitigate the pest of houseflies, but no one will get it Musquitoes are said to be only produced from eggs laid in little floating clusters on pools of stagnant water in which they hatch and spend a season of aquatic existence, imagining themselves small whales and porpoises But go to the center of the dryest prairie, or far into the recesses of the sandy pine woods of the north, forty miles from water, and there you will find the ubiquitous torment, as numerous, as keen of appetite and as glad to see you as if they had gone there by your special appointment. Where did they all come from, and how did they spend the winter, is asked in vain It is doubtful if they themselves know We can only say that such is the peculiar advantage enjoyed in nature by the abominable and obnoxious over the respectable and harmless, that even in a winter that freezes out the farmer's honey bees, they are safe hidden *somewhere*, where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched They ought to die out, as every one knows and they probably would, but for their total depravity

The grasshopper, is another instance He breeds on the barren plains of the far Northwest as numerously as his own native sands, hatching from tiny eggs that have lain in the surface ten long months through wet and dry, with the thermometer at times fifty below zero What a blessing would he have been, were he a grape vine or an apple tree, for, as the tree peddlers say, he is perfectly hardy and productive What a world of useless energy is wasted in his little shell If we could only get horses with as much endurance! With about a quarter of a grain of muscle, he will make journeys that would shame a carrier pigeon and wear out a locomotive, then settle down and devour the grain on five or ten counties, and start out with the next fair wind without paying his bill

The hoppers are chiefly valuable as an exaggerated instance of how far nature can carry the perverse and destructive element, without the least compensating or redeeming feature They are the true carpet baggers of the insect world, gathering where they have not strewn and reaping where they have not sown They come from far away as aliens and foreigners, to take possession of the country with a special commission to collect the internal revenue, after doing which they "light out" for other parts They are merely transient boarders They make no permanent improvements We have a class of people in the west just like them, who travel without destination, wafted by the wind of circumstance They carry no baggage, pay no bills, and think the world owes them a living. They light down in a little town, borrow money, run in debt, steal a little, and levy contributions on the industrious, when they begin to be better known they take wing No one can stop them, and they are like the grasshopper, only welcome when they leave They take good care to remain in light marching order, unencumbered by real estate, ready to "skip the country" on short notice

Thus they remind one of a certain other insect, which chiefly distinguishes itself in the same way, for it is proverbial that when one puts his finger on him, he is not there These latter pests are neither fashionable nor popular in good society, yet their innate depravity of soul impels them to be very presumptuous and remain where they are not wanted In the warm soil of the South they grow spontaneously In these cooler regions we might be destitute of them, were it not that most men are fond of a domestic animal that supplies them in reasonable numbers Thus ingenious man aids untiring nature to keep up the supply, and the canine pets are held to be indispensable in every well regulated household But it is a part of some people's philosophy that everything in nature both preys on something else and is in it turn preyed upon, which is a most gratifying consolation, and tends to further clinch the proof of the universal depravity doctrine, as illustrated by the following pathetic extract

> "The kitten claws the captive mouse,—
> The wanton boy then cuffs the kitten,
> The master flogs the boy at school—
> Some girl in turn gives *him* the mitten'
>
> Mankind have dogs to vex their ease
> And dogs have many fleas to bite em,
> While these support still smaller fleas,
> And so they go, ad infinitum"

Thus to the fretful and complaining mind all the world looks dark and ill contrived Man seems the victim of a general conspiracy to wreck his happiness Labor and patience only, are his refuge and his temporal salvation Labor to overcome all the minor obstacles Nature flings in our way, patience to endure the annoyances of life And when the character is moulded and perfected by this constant discipline, then we begin to see the wisdom of the great universal plan whose details we only faintly know Then all these mutinous thoughts against Providence turn to humble approval, and we rest content with the bright and beautiful side of the picture and say in the changed words of the poet,

> "Who would not live alway, who longs not to stay
> Where sunshine and joy chase each storm cloud away?
> Where the rivers of pleasure wash out sorrow's stain
> And blindness alone is the cause of our pain'"

The Law of Libel.

Some very queer cases have grown out of libel suits, and we would not advise any one to enter such affairs without a very good reason But being in, without being able to withdraw, a few points may not be without value. They are especially valuable as referring to matters which should not be entered upon if it is possible to keep out of the way of them There were some points which were made in recent decisions in Philadelphia that are worth a glance For it is always better to avoid a difficulty than to get into it and then fight

Judge Finletter, of the Philadelphia Court, in the case of the Chief of Police of that city *vs* Joseph R Reed, a reporter for the Sunday *Times*, charge libel, thus affirms the points of the libel law as enunciated by Judge Dean in the Cambria County Court, some months ago—

If the jury find that the alleged libelous matter admits naturally of two constructions, one of a libelous character and the other not, they are bound in law to put upon it that construction which is not libelous, and to acquit the defendant.

Even if the allegations in the article were false, if no malicious intent existed there was no libel

Even if the article is libelous, if no malicious intent existed, the defendant would not be guilty under the law

The subject of the article being proper matter for public information, it was so far privileged that malice is not to be presumed from mere fact of publication, as in other libels, but the question of malice must be decided by the jury from the character of the alleged libelous article, the circumstances attending its publication, and any other evidence in the case tending to explain the intent

The rule of law as to the presumption of malice from the publication of a libelous article is this—where the publication of a libelous article has been proved, unaccompanied by any evidence which explains the intent, the law presumes from the libelous character of the article, that it was published maliciously, but where there are attending circumstances calculated to explain the intent, the question of malice is for the jury

As the person referred to in the article complained of in the indictment was a person in official position, any information concerning his official conduct was proper for public information If it was for the purpose of the defendant, acting as a newspaper reporter, to give the public such information, the publication of the information was lawful, and the defendant may justify or excuse it

The occasion being lawful, if the defendant proceeded with a good motive upon probable grounds, upon reasons which were apparently good, and upon the supposition that the statements made to him under oath by Linn, and embodied in the article complained of, were true, his action was excusable, and he is not guilty of publishing a malicious libel

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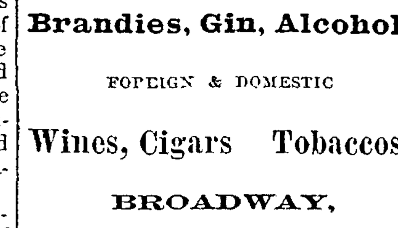

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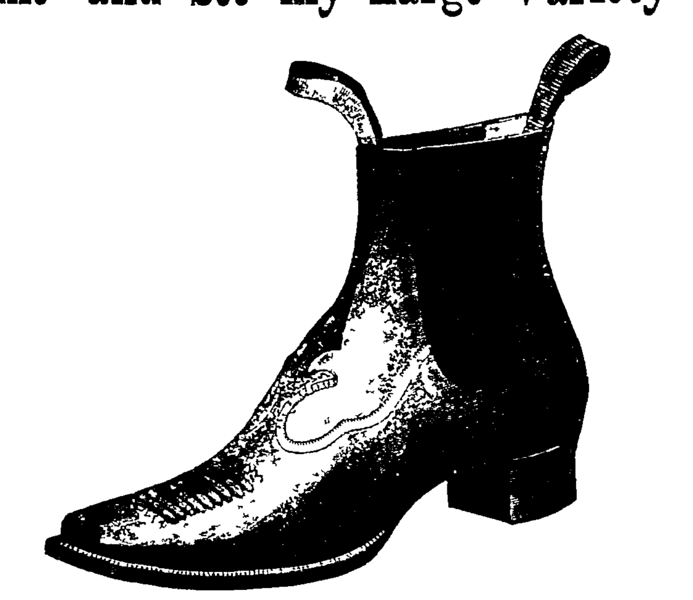

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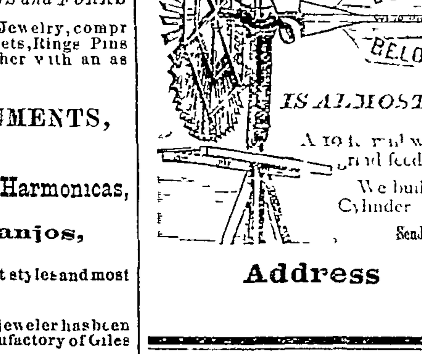

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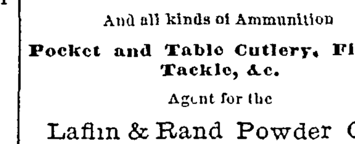

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TRAINS MOVING WEST PASSENGER No 1		STATIONS	TRAINS MOVING EAST PASSENGER No 2	
2 00 p m	Leave	†SIOUX CITY	11 10 a m	Arrive
2 28		McCOOK	10 42	
2 43		JEFFERSON	10 27	
3 09		†ELK POINT	10 02	
3 32		BURBANK	9 37	
3 52		†VERMILLION	9 19	
4 17		MECKLING	8 53	
4 36		GAYVILLE	8 34	
4 51		*JAMES RIVER	8 18	
5 07		SHOPS	8 03	
5 10	Arrive	†YANKTON	8 00	Leave

*Flag Stations †Telegraph Stations

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Leave	St Paul		8 00 A M
"	Yankton	7 40 A M	
"	Sioux City	2 00 P M	10 00 P M
Arrive	Sergeant's Bluff	2 18	10 20
	Salix	2 28	11 15
	Sloan	2 50	11 45
	Whiting	3 12	12 20 A M
	Onawa	3 30	1 00
	Blencoe	3 50	1 35
	River Sioux	4 10	2 15
	Mondamin	4 30	2 55
	Modale	4 50	3 25
	California Junction	5 08	3 45
	Missouri Valley	5 20	4 00
	Chicago	3 15 P M	6 30 A M
	Council Bluffs	10 20	5 30
	St Louis		6 15
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	St Louis		9 45
Arrive	Sioux City	11 50 P M	4 50 A M

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S C & Pacific Passenger	m	11 00 a m
Passenger	m	m
Express Freight	m	10 08 a m
Going East		
Day Express	m	7 35 a m
Night Express	m	5 12 p m
S C & Pacific Passenger	m	8 30 p m
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Deacon Barnes' Sunday.

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And so enwrapped was he with his thoughts as he passed out of church he forgot to ask lame old Mrs Howe to ride home with him as was his usual custom

Perhaps it is just as well, he thought for she is a worldly woman, and would probably have drawn my thoughts away from heaven At the dinner table his son exclaimed "Oh father, I have a situation at last!"

"Have you forgotten that it is Sunday, John?" asked his father, sternly "Dont let me hear any more such talk"

John ate his dinner in silence How could his situation be a wrong thing to speak of on Sunday? He was so thankful for it, that it seemed to come from the hand of God God knew all about the restless months in which he had answered an advertisement every day

When the minister gave thanks in church for all the mercies of the past week, John's heart gave a grateful throb and determined anew to acknowledge God in all his ways

John ate his dinner in silence, while his father thought about heaven

In the afternoon, Mr Barnes' nephew, a stranger in the place, came over from his boarding place opposite, and sat on the piazza, talking to John

"I can't allow this, Tom," said Mr Barnes, coming to the door with the Bible in his hands "You must not sit here breaking the Sabbath Go back to your boarding house and read some good book"

Tom started up angrily and spent the afternoon fishing and bathing with an old colored man, his only acquaintance in the place while Deacon Barnes sat in a large rocker on the piazza with a handkerchief over his face, and thought about heaven

Presently his two little grand daughters came out onto the piazza with a large picture book, and sat down with him There was a flutter of leaves and a great deal of buzzing as the little fellows bent over the book, and finally they laughed outright

"Children, where's your mother?" sternly demanded Deacon Barnes, springing to his feet

"Up stairs, putting baby to sleep," they both answered together

Deacon Barnes strode into the hall "Ellen! Ellen!" he shouted, "I should think you might keep these children quiet on Sabbath They won't allow me to think"

Ellen had been awake all night with a fretful baby She had hushed him and just fallen asleep when her husband's voice aroused her and awoke the baby

"Please send them up stairs," she said wearily

And all that sultry afternoon she amused the three children in a close upper room, while her husband rocked and fanned himself and thought of heaven

The American Girl

A writer in the *Acadian*, speaking of "The American Girl at Home," says "Among the sad things of life is certainly to be classed that contempt for simplicity which is ingrained in the heart of the American girl of fashion in very early years She has drunk copiously of the oxymel of precocious coquetry long before she is capable of appreciating the glory of true fashion and the fun of that efflorescence of passion of which true coquetry consists We are no especial admirers of children who are constitutionally shamefaced, who hang their heads before company, and creep back into sensitive silence as soon as an opportunity permits them to do so But we admire as little the unblushing effrontery of the hot house child who has been brought up under the bell glass of 'society,' and has nothing left in it excepting the original sin, which crops out in the form of impertinence It is this abnormal self possession which is the early characteristic of the American girl For this she has to thank mother and the fashionable fools who are her mother's friends It is inevitable that the adolescence of such a child should be marked with much that is fast and morbid and trenching on the verge of viciousness In this school she acquires those meretricious manners, that slang swagger, that devil may-care air, which have rendered her a notoriety wherever she has traveled abroad The foreigner who comes to this country, and who observes the free and-easy manners of our youth, and especially of our young girls, is amazed at their boldness and reckless ness We are aware that some bitterness and unfairness have been shown toward the American girl at home, that she has been maliciously represented as a young lady whose principal amusements are young men, novels, and candies, and whose only exercise consists in promenading Broadway, but we are inclined to take a less unfavorable view of the matter than this At the same time, it is not possible to deny that there is a grain of truth in the charge, and we are not amazed that a whole wheat field of accusation should spring from a grain that has been planted and tended with such malicious irrigation Girls are made, it is true, for something else than to fit into some quiet nook at home, and rest contentedly there during the remainder of life There are some good, pious souls we know who would have every young woman, rich and poor, educated in the arts of housekeeping They would have Clorinda, whose father is a billionaire, descend to the kitchen, make bread and pastry, and familiarize herself with the practical working out of all the more common recipes in the cook book, just as they would exact the same task from Jane Smith, whose papa is not worth anything at all How far these advisers are in the right it may be difficult to determine, but the fault with the average American girl, who holds neither a very high nor a very low position in life, is that she does not acquaint herself with any of those processes, and if, like Henrietta in 'Les Femmes Savantes,' she were asked what she saw in marriage to attract, all the answer that she could honestly give would be, 'A husband' This is sensible, so far as it goes, but we run in danger of seeming very humdrum when we add that if a husband is to be expected to remain all that a young and exacting wife wishes him to be, the kitchen and its correlatives must receive a large share of that wife's attention"

The Protestant journal, *Le Christianisme du XIXme Siecle*, of Paris, in its issue of October 9th, publishes the first page of M Guizot's will, terminating in these words

"I believe in God, and I adore Him, without attempting to comprehend Him I see him present and acting, not only in the permanent *regime* of the universe and in the inner life of souls, but in the history of human societies, and specially in the old and new testaments, monuments of the revelation and divine action, through the mediation and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human race I bow down before the mysteries of the bible and gospel, and I keep myself from the discussions and scientific solutions by which men have tried to explain them

I have full confidence that God permits me to call myself a Christian, and I am convinced that in the light into which I shall shortly enter we shall see distinctly the pure human origin and the vanity of most of our disputes here below on divine subjects"

It is stated that Beecher's domestic relations have been very unhappy, and have been the common topic of discussion between him and certain families where he has been intimate, and, it is believed, have been a most fertile source of danger during his career This is the plan on which he has gained the sympathy of these women, by first making them confidantes of his own family troubles, and then pursuing his advantage after having gained their sympathy These charges have been for years in the possession of a steadily widening circle, with the conviction growing that exposure must come, and that when it did come it would be far worse than any one had dreamed

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OSCAR WHITNEY, Register
13 w4 LOTT S BAYLESS, Receiver

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DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

11th Session—3d Biennial.

COUNCIL—THIRD DAY

WEDNESDAY, Dec 9, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called.

Mr Stevens moved to reconsider the vote by which the memorial for a division of Dakota was passed Lost.

Mr West gave notice of a bill to repeal chapter 33 of the laws of 1872-3

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill to re-enact the criminal code of 1868-9

Mr Sheafe gave notice of a memorial to Congress for an appropriation to construct a wagon road from some point on the table lands of Union county across the swamp land to Ponca landing on the Missouri river

By the same, for a bill providing that all judgments shall draw the same rate of interest that the contract on which the judgment is rendered

Messrs Williams, Lawrence and Sheafe reported a draft of joint rules, and recommended their adoption

The President then appointed the standing committees [See PRESS AND DAKOTAIAN Dec. 10]

Council bill No 2, relative to masked balls, was referred to the judiciary committee

No 3, defining the judicial districts, was referred to Messrs Williams, McHench, Lawrence, Sheafe and Harlan

Council then adjourned until to morrow 10 o clock

HOUSE—THIRD DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called All present

W C Grant gave notice that he would contest the seat of Henry Reifsnyder, from Bon Homme county

Mr Van Osdel reported, from the committee on joint rules, recommending the adoption of the rules of last session Adopted, on motion of Mr Curry

Mr Shaw, from committee on standing rules, recommended the adoption of the House rules of 1870-71

On motion of Mr Van Osdel, 100 copies of the standing rules were ordered printed.

Mr Bothun gave notice of a memorial to congress praying for a mail route between Sioux Falls D T, and Lake Benton, Minnesota, also a bill to regulate the interest on money

Mr Moody introduced a bill for an act to repeal section 2 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, and for other purposes.

Read first time

A communication was received from the Governor transmitting a copy of the code of the laws prepared by C J B Harris, Esq, under a law passed at the session of 1872-3

The house went into committee of the whole on the executive message in the matter of the codification of the laws

A message was received from the council transmitting council bill No 1, a memorial asking for a division of Dakota

Messrs Wahl, Williams and Van Osdel were appointed on the part of the house as a joint committee on the governor's message

Recess till 1 o'clock

The speaker then appointed the standing committees (Published in the PRESS of the 10th

Mr Berry from the select committee in case of Bruce vs Kelleher, submitted the following report

MR SPEAKER —Your select committee appointed to examine the claims of Messrs Bruce and Kelleher have examined all the returns in the secretary's office and beg leave to submit the following majority report

RETURNS FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES

	Bruce	Kelleher
Richland Co	0	9
Pembina	191	0
Grand Forks	134	0
Stutsman	0	39
Cass	0	232
Barbank	0	23
Total	325	303

Upon the face of these returns we are of the opinion that Hector Bruce is entitled to a seat in this house pending the contest

J. W. BERRY,
J M CLELAND

Mr Curry, from the same committee, submitted the following report

MR SPEAKER —A minority of your committee to which was referred the claims of Hector Bruce and D M Kelleher, both claiming a seat in this house, beg leave to report that I have examined the records in the secretary's office and find that D M Kelleher has a majority of votes, therefore, I am of the opinion that D M Kelleher is entitled to a seat in this house

M CURRY

Mr Shaw moved the adoption of the minority report, which was lost by the following vote

YEAS—Messrs Bosworth, Chausse, Curry Ellis Hand, Luce, Reifsnyder, Shaw Stearns, Zitka and Williams—11

NAYS—Messrs Anderson, Berry, Bothun Cleland, Haas, Larson, O B, Larson, Knud, McKay, Sampson Svenson, Van Osdel, Wahl, Wright and Mr Speaker—14

Mr Bothun gave notice that he should move a reconsideration of the vote

On motion of Mr Shaw the majority report was laid on the table until to morrow morning The house then adjourned

COUNCIL—FOURTH DAY

THURSDAY, Dec 10, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer by the chaplain Roll called

Mr Lawrence, from the judiciary, reported the bill relating to masked balls, and recommended its passage

The special committee reported the judicial district bill with an amendment, inserting Cass county, and recommended its passage

Mr Fraley introduced a resolution calling upon the commissioner of immigration for an itemized statement of his expenses for the past two years, and how much of the appropriation remains unexpended Adopted

Mr West gave notice of a bill to repeal chapter 6 of the private laws of 1872

Mr Jolley gave notice of a bill relating to the fees of county treasurers, also, a bill amending section 114 of chapter 31 of laws of 1865-6

Mr Lawrence introduced council bill No 4, a memorial to congress for an appropriation to complete the military wagon road from the Big Sioux river to Fort Randall

Mr West introduced council bill No 5, a bill to repeal chapter 33 of the general laws of 1872-3

Mr Sheafe introduced council bill No 6, a bill providing that all judgments shall draw the same rate of interest that the contract on which the judgment is rendered, draws

The above named bills were read first time

Mr Austin asked leave to introduce a memorial for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Yankton to the National Park Objected to by Mr Lawrence

Mr Lawrence, chairman of the judiciary committee, reported a substitute for council bill No 2, repealing the law prohibiting the holding of masked balls, which was read a third time and passed

Council bill No 3, to define the judicial districts of Dakota territory, and to provide for holding courts therein, was taken up, amended, and passed to its third reading

Council bill No 2, relative to masked balls, was then passed

The council then adjourned

HOUSE—FOURTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called All present.

Mr Sampson presented a resolution asking that 500 copies of the governor's message be presented in the Norwegian language Lost

Mr Cleland moved that one third of the number ordered printed be in the Norwegian language, pending which, on motion of Mr Shaw the subject was referred to the committee on public printing

On motion of Mr Bothun, the secretary was requested to furnish the house with a map of the territory

Mr Bothun presented a resolution requesting the appointment of a committee on immigration, to consist of one member from each district

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill to repeal the last four lines in section 4 of the public school law

Mr. Moody gave notice of a bill authorizing the county commissioners of the several counties to fund the outstanding indebtedness of their respective counties

By the same, a bill relating to home stead exemptions, also a bill repealing the amendment to the code of civil procedure requiring the docketing of executions, also a bill organizing and defining the jurisdiction of probate courts, providing for the proof of wills, administration of estates and in regard to guardians and wards; also, a bill amending chapter 15 of an act providing for the foreclosure of mortgages, approved January 15, 1874; also, a bill providing a code of criminal procedure for this territory and repealing certain acts therein named, also, a bill amending the penal code of 1864-5, and for other purposes, also, a bill providing schools for the city of Yankton and regulating the organization and maintaining of the same

Mr Bothun introduced house file No 2, a memorial for a mail route from Sioux Falls to Lake Benton, Minnesota

Council bill No 1, a memorial to congress asking a division of Dakota was then read first time

House file No 2 to repeal section 2 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, was then read and referred to the judiciary

Mr Van Osdel moved the adoption of the majority report in the contested seat case of Bruce vs Kelleher

Mr Bothun moved to lay the motion on the table Lost

The vote being taken on Mr Van Osdel's motion, it was lost, and the question was referred to the committee on elections

On motion of Mr Wahl, the house adjourned

COUNCIL—FIFTH DAY

FRIDAY, Dec 11, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair, prayer roll called Absent, Messrs Austin, Lawrence, and Stevens

Mr Chandler presented the petition of Bligh E Wood, claiming the seat now occupied by Benton Fraley, of Bon Homme county

Mr Jolley gave notice of a bill in relation to the salary of superintendents of public instruction, also a bill amending sections 15, 16, 28 42 45 and 57, of chapter 15 of the laws of 1867-8, entitled an act for the incorporation of towns, etc

Mr Fraley gave notice of a bill to amend section 125 of the justices' code

Mr Austin gave notice of a bill concerning liens of landlords

Mr Lawrence gave notice of a memorial to congress, asking that the Black Hills be opened to settlement

Mr Jolly introduced C. B No 8, a bill relating to fees of county treasurers, also C B No 9 amending section 114, chapter 31 of laws of 1865, and re enacted by section 2, chapter 6, of the laws of 1872-3, relating to the incorporation of towns

Mr West introduced council bill No. 10, to repeal chapter 6 of the special and private laws of 1872-3, approved Dec 21, 1872

The above bills were read a first time

C B No 3, defining the judicial district of Dakota, was then read a third time and passed, none voting in the negative

C B No 4, a memorial for an appropriation to improve the Fort Randall wagon road, was then read the third time and passed unanimously

On motion the council adjourned

HOUSE—FIFTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called All present

The following message was received from Gov Pennington

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Yankton, D T, Dec. 10, 1874

Hon. G C Moody, Speaker of the House of Representatives

SIR —I would be content with the general recommendations already made to the legislative assembly on the subject of immigration, but for the reason that facts which have just been brought to my attention seem to demand some immediate action at the hands of your honorable body

The following letter, which explains itself, has just been placed in my possession by the gentleman to whom it was addressed

"MOUNT JOY Dec 2, 1874

FRIEND N EDMUNDS,—On the 27th ult, some 32 Russian families arrived in Philadelphia by Red Star Line. They desired to subject themselves under the care of the Executive Aid Committee, which advised them to stop here until spring, We knew of a number of unoccupied houses at Safe Harbor Iron Works, 12 miles south of Lancaster—took four of the party there to see the place—did not like it Said they would sooner go west We could have found other places, but they had means of their own And 400 persons more are to arrive in about two weeks mostly poor, and 500 more are reported to come soon They may also be most of them without means This party left Philadelphia on the 1st inst for Atchison, Kansas Yankton, Dakota, was their choice and the committee advised them to go there, but could not assure them that there was a reception house or a place for them to stop and they had reliable information if they came to Kansas they would find a reception house This party had $30 000 to $40 000 among them You see what you have lost, and are still losing by not having a place to receive these people so they can stop until they can get places ready out in the country The committee would like to have seen this party go to Yankton but if there are no better provisions made to receive these people, there is no inducement to send them The needy must go among them that have means The committee cannot send them to Dakota and keep them

From your friend
GABRIEL BEAR"

Here it will be seen that we have lost one party of immigrants who have over thirty thousand dollars in cash among them, simply because we have not an immigrant house where they could have been sheltered for a short time And as more are coming, and as the stream will continue to flow in this direction, if encouraged, I deem it only necessary to call the attention of your honorable body to the necessity for some speedy action in the premises

Producing population is what Dakota needs, and without it we can expect no enduring prosperity, and hence I recommend to the legislative assembly that some action be taken to provide shelter for immigrants that may come here, until they can arrange to go to the country.

As I understand it, the writer of the accompany letter is a member of the executive committee of the Mennonite denomination of christians in this country, under whose management and direction a large number of their brethren are being transferred from Russia to this country Mr Bear and other members of the said committee visited Dakota last summer in the interest of this immigration, they left here with favorable impressions, and hence are using the influence of their position to induce them to come to Dakota But so long as we are without emigrant quarters for the temporary accommodation of such as may arrive here in the dead of winter, and other places offer such inducements, we cannot expect to get them

With these suggestions, I respectfully submit this important question to your honorable body

I have the honor to be,
Your Ob't Serv't,
JOHN L PENNINGTON,
Governor

Mr Shaw, from the judiciary committee, reported house bill No 1, recommending that it do not pass.

Mr Larson O B, from the committee on public printing, reported that as there was no appropriation made by the government for printing the governor's message in the Norwegian language, the committee recommend that the entire number be printed in the English language

Mr Anderson, of Yankton, presented a resolution that D M Kelleher, from the 7th district be admitted to a seat in this house A vote being taken, the resolution was rejected as follows

YEAS—Anderson Bosworth Bothun, Chausse, Curry Hand, Luce, Reifsnyder, Shaw, Stearns, Zitka, Williams—12

NAYS—Berry, Cleland, Ellis, Haas, Larson, O B, Larson, Knud, McKay, Sampson, Svenson, Van Osdel, Wahl, Wright and Mr Speaker—13

Mr Berry submitted a resolution that Hector Bruce be admitted to a seat in this house pending the contest, on the grounds that he has a certificate from the senior county in his district The resolution was adopted by the following vote

YEAS—Messrs Anderson, Berry, Cleland, Ellis, Haas, Larson, O B, Larson, Knud, McKay, Sampson, Svenson, Van Osdel, Wahl, Wright, Williams and Mr Speaker—15

NAYS—Messrs Bosworth, Bothun, Chausse, Curry, Hand, Luce, Reifsnyder, Stearns and Zitka—10

Mr Bruce then came forward and took the oath of office and took his seat

On motion of Mr Shaw, the committee on elections was instructed to report the substance of the testimony in the cases in contest, with their opinion of the same

Mr Cleland gave notice of a bill to repeal section 8 of the session laws of 1872-3

Mr. Anderson gave notice of a bill for establishing a board of immigration for this territory; also a bill for a provision concerning lunatics of this territory.

Mr Bothun introduced house file No 4, amending chapter 4, section 1, of the civil code, approved January 10th, 1873

Mr Moody introduced house file No 5, a bill repealing the amendment to the code of civil procedure requiring the docketing of executions, also house file No 6, a bill amending chapter 15 of an act providing for the foreclosure of mortgages, approved January 11, 1865

Council bills relating to masked balls, to define the judicial districts and a memorial for an appropriation to improve the Fort Randall wagon road, were read first time

Council bill No 1, a memorial for a division of Dakota, was referred to the committee of federal relations

House file No 1, to repeal section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, approved January 10, 1873, was referred to the judiciary committee, and house bill No 3, asking the establishment of a mail route from Sioux Falls to Lake Benton, Minnesota, to federal relations

Recess

Reconvened at 2 p m

House bill No 1, repealing section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, approved January 10, 1873, was taken up This bill had been reported adversely by the judiciary committee The section of the statute which it is sought to repeal, reads as follows

"No judgment shall be rendered at a special term of the district court No attorney's fees shall be allowed the prevailing party in any case and in all cases in the district court the defendant shall have until the morning of the second day of the next general term of said court to answer or demur after the commencement of the suit, and no notice of trial need be given in cases here after commenced No fees or costs shall be allowed to any party in a civil action except witness fees, jury fees, clerks' fees sheriffs fees and costs of court No civil case which is in the jurisdiction of the courts of the justices of the peace shall be commenced originally in the district courts of the territory"

The passage of the bill was stubbornly resisted by Messrs Wahl, of Lincoln Bothun, of Minnehaha, and Luce, of Lake No action was taken, however, beyond debate, and the house adjourned until to morrow morning at 10 o'clock

THE MESSAGE.

A Few Opinions on President Grant's Annual Document.

Taking the message altogether, it will not be found mischievous The sins of the document are those of suggestion The president has been almost as careful about committing himself to anything definite, as if he were a member in good standing of the Democratic party, and his name was Bill Allen —Cincinnati Commercial

The country owes a debt of gratitude to President Grant and Secretary Bristow for their earnest efforts to lead it back to specie resumption By what method that end should be reached is a question of secondary importance The first necessity is to bring the country and congress to determine that by some method the end shall be reached as speedily as possible Firmly adhering to this position, which, since his veto message of last spring, had been abundantly vindicated by events, and especially by the complete failure of legislation looking toward expansion as a means of relief, the president suggests a method by which specie resumption can be attained, and the secretary of the treasury sets forth the same plan somewhat more in detail —St Louis Democrat

The message is notable for what it does not recommend, as well as for what it does It does not recommend the under taking of the trans continental canals, as the suppositious organ at the capital led most people to expect, but it leaves these earth-disemboweling schemes to the congressional transportation committee To them and to congress is left the question whether the Union shall be bound together by water bands He does not recommend additional legislation to enforce the civil and social rights of the freedmen, as in two former messages He seems inclined to leave this to the logic of events The phrase is not our own and we know not what it means, but it sounds well —Cincinnati Gazette

We do not expect to find in the messages of president Grant any of the polished rhetoric in which some of the early occupants of the executive chair were fond of indulging, or any of the compact logic for which Mr Lincoln's state papers were remarkable And yet the future historian, looking to these annual communications as sources of information upon the condition of the country at the time of their issue, will find few that are more valuable to him than those which bear the signature of U S Grant General Grant's idea of a presidential message is that it should be a summary of national affairs as they are presented in the workings of the different executive departments He indulges in very little theorizing or abstract reasoning, when he has a recommendation to make he puts it in blunt and understandable English, and having stated his views on the subject plainly and concisely, he leaves its extended consideration to congress and the country In our judgment, a much better state paper can be modeled on this plan than upon the former one of converting the annual message into a finely written essay on government and political economy —St Louis Globe,

The full text of the message, which is printed elsewhere, does not remove the objections founded upon the synopsis which appeared in yesterday's Times The president fails to indicate a policy that will inspire the confidence of the country On the contrary, he leaves to congress to devise some means that will relieve the prevalent business depression and restore the prosperity which financial improvidence and political mismanagement have brought about There should be no delay in returning to specie payment, exclaims the president Then why not indicate a way in which it is to be done, without throwing the responsibility upon a congress inimical to the proposition A definite recommendation could have done no harm Such, for instance, as the retirement of the $26,000,000 of legal tender notes which the treasury put out during the panic, and a law for the cautious funding of an additional quantity of greenbacks in five per cent bonds, with a change in the banking law, making bank issues free on a pledge of government securities, three per cent. of the interest on the bonds to be retained while they are so held in pledge —St. Louis Times

Black Hills and Indian Intelligence.

The following specials from the Sioux City *Journal* give some information interesting to all readers in this Territory

FORT SULLY D T, Dec 5—A party numbering about 150 miners, supposed to have started from Brule City *en route* for the Black Hills, passed thirty miles west of Cheyenne Agency, five days ago, following the course of the Big Cheyenne River A military force under command of Captain Tolman, First U S Infantry, is now in pursuit

Three hundred lodges of hostile Indians, who have not been at the agency in several years, are now encamped on the river, near Little Bend, intending to remain for the winter They had a slight disturbance among themselves a few days ago, in which one Indian was shot through the head

Telegraphic communication which has been interrupted for the past ten days between Forts Randall and Sully, by Indian deviltry, is again restored, and will probably remain O K until the reds draw sufficient rations and blankets to enable them to go out on another excursion

At Springfield, D T, to night a large meeting is being held to organize a Black Hills Mining Company, with the intention of starting for that El Dorado in early spring The meeting is very enthusiastic Many old miners are present and several who have been in the hills before They have no doubt Congress will pass laws the coming winter to allow white men to enter that country and develop its resources They will adopt resolutions and a memorial to present to Congress, urging the importance of such action

SPRINGFIELD D T, Dec 5—A Black Hills Mining Company was organized this evening, with headquarters at Springfield for the present About sixty persons were present at the meeting, and many were enthusiastic with the scheme and acknowledged a readiness to unite at any moment to straddle the blind mule The company adjourned to meet on the 12th inst to perfect the organization

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following are among the bills introduced into the Legislature during its present session As they are of special interest, we give them

COUNCIL BILL NO 1—INTRODUCED BY MR LAWRENCE

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying for a division of Dakota Territory and the organization of a new Territory out of the Northern portion thereof

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled

Your Memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, most respectfully petition your honorable body for the passage of the bill now pending in Congress for the erection and organization of the Territory of Pembina out of the northern portion of Dakota Territory, or of some bill of a similar character that will provide for the division of the Territory as it is now constituted

The principal settlements in the Territory extend along the Missouri river and tributary streams in the southern portion of the Territory, forming a belt of from sixty to one hundred miles in width, and along the Northern Pacific Railroad and in the Red river valley in the northern portion The two sections have no interests in common, and a vast unsettled country divides them, so that communication between the northern and southern settlements is difficult and almost impossible except by way of St. Paul, in Minnesota, by which route the expense is necessarily large, and the distance great No north and south lines of communication within the Territory can be expected soon The trade, commerce and enterprise, the markets and communications of each part are distinct and separate Different motives and interests govern the citizens of each part, and it is hardly practicable to represent and promote the best interests of both sections in the same Territorial Legislature, or under the same Territorial Government In all matters of local enterprise, the encouragement of immigration and the settlement of the country, the best, good and largest results can only be attained through separate organizations

The late election showed a population in the Territory north of the forty sixth parallel of fully eight thousand persons, and the prospect is that this will be largely increased within the next two years while the rapid settlement of the southern portion indicates that within that time it will have both a population and wealth that will justify the admission of this Territory into the Union as a State.

For these, and other reasons, your memorialists earnestly ask that the division of the Territory be authorized at an early day

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray

COUNCIL BILL NO 3—INTRODUCED BY MR LAWRENCE.

A Bill for An Act to define the Judicial Districts of Dakota Territory, and to provide for holding Courts therein

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota

Section 1 That the counties of Clay, Union, Lincoln, Minnehaha, McCook, Moody, Lake, Brookings, Wood, Duel, Hamlin, Clark, Grant, Greeley and Stone, and the Sisseton and Wahpeton Indian Reservation, shall constitute the First Judicial District

Sec 2 The county of Richland and all that portion of the Territory lying east of the Missouri river and north of the forty-sixth parallel, together with all lying west of the Missouri river and north of the Big Cheyenne river and the main south branch thereof shall constitute the Third Judicial District

Sec 3 All that portion of the Territory not embraced within the bounds of the first and third districts as herein defined, shall constitute the Second Judicial District

Sec 4 All criminal causes in which the United States is a party, shall be tried and disposed of in the court for the district in which they are now pending, unless the place of trial shall be changed as provided by law

Sec 5 The district court in and for the county of Burleigh shall be held at Bismarck on the second Tuesday of May and the third Tuesday of September, in each year

Sec 6. The district court in and for the county of Cass, shall be held at Fargo on the fourth Tuesday of May and the first Tuesday of September in each year

Sec 7 The district courts in and for the counties of Clay, Yankton and ———, shall exercise the powers appertaining to district and circuit courts of the United States for the several districts in which they are located

Sec 8 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval

COUNCIL BILL NO 13—INTRODUCED BY MR LAWRENCE

A Memorial to the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota, most respectfully beg leave to petition your honorable bodies to take immediate action in the matter of opening the Black Hills of Dakota for settlement, because of its great mineral wealth, and its being so well adapted for agricultural pursuits, and respectfully call your attention to the following reasons.

1st That General Custer has explored the Black Hills, and reports the finding of gold in every locality where the miners prospected

2nd That no section of country in the west has more beautiful valleys that this hitherto unknown country, all being well watered, and so favorably adapted for farming and stock raising

3rd That gold, silver, platinum and inexhaustible pine forests were found

4th That the most favorable reports published in the press throughout the country, will scarcely convey an idea of the actual and enormous wealth of this region when developed by the diggers of our "nation's specie basis"

5th That Prof Hayden and Gen Warren, in their several explorations and surveys of exterior portions of the Black Hills, report "officially" that they found gold, silver, iron and forests of unknown limits, within 30 miles of steamboat navigation on the Missouri river

6th That the Sioux Indian treaty, still respected by the government, but numberless times violated by the Sioux Indians, prevents white men from acquiring home stead, pre emption or mining rights within the great Sioux reservation

The legislative assembly of Dakota territory most earnestly petition congress to abrogate the new treaty now in force, or if such action be deemed unjust to the Indians, in lieu thereof, extinguish the Indian title to that portion of the reservation known as the Black Hills of Dakota, so that the nation may receive the benefit of its great wealth, and we further pray, that congress during the present session will make due and ample provisions to buy the right of way or treat for the same with said Indians, so that all men may pass through said reservation in pursuit of peace, happiness and prosperity

Your memorialists would further represent that some legislation as prayed for in this memorial is absolutely needed at the earliest possible day, if the government wishes to prevent a repetition of the bloody scenes in California between the miners and the Indians, which resulted in the almost total destruction of the latter Humanity, justice and the rights of a free and enlightened people, respectfully ask for speedy action on this important question And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray

Be it resolved by the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota, That a copy of this memorial be forwarded to the president of the United States, the president of the senate and speaker of the house, and our delegate in congress; and further, that his excellency, Gov Pennington, be requested to sign this memorial and unite with us in securing favorable action by congress.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—All the girls are becoming vegetarians They wear turn up hats

—It is better to be flush in pocket than in the face —*Danbury News*

—Gen Robert Toombs fell down stairs in Atlanta the other night and injured the beauty of his nose

—When a female child is born in Wisconsin the unhappy father begins to save money to buy a piano

—Banks was a champion of the "salary grab," yet the Democracy of Massachusetts elected him How is that?

—In Wisconsin when they want to flood the cranberry marshes, they send for a Chicago girl to put her foot in the river —*St Louis Paper*

—It is estimated that twenty five per cent of the voting population of the State of New York did not go to the polls at the November election

—How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a man's wife draw the bed clothes over her head and declare that she won't build a fire if she dies for it —*New York Mail*

—The New York *Tribune*, discussing strikes, concludes that there is only one way in which any man in the country can fix his own wages—and that is by becoming a member of Congress

—Said a New Yorker to his wife "Have you heard of that new decision of the Boston courts?" "No, what is it?" "Why, that if a woman lends her husband money she cannot get it back" "Humph!" sneered the wife, "that's nothing new"

—The average weight of boys at birth is 6½ lbs, that of girls, 6¼ lbs, the average weight of males at twenty is 143 lbs, that of females 120 lbs Men acquire greatest weight, on an average, at 35 years, weighing 152 lbs, women at 50 years, weighing 128 lbs

—Old Mr Crabapple is very much pleased with a gentleman whom he has engaged to saw wood "When he piles the wood" said old Crabapple to his friend, "if one stick projects beyond the others he pounds it in with an ax" "He's a slouch," replied old man Stubble, "you should see my wood sawyer When he gets the wood all piled, he takes off the rough, projecting ends with a claw hammer saw" "Does he? Well, he couldn't pile wood for me," broke in old Spikenburg, "my sawyer piles the wood carefully, then goes over the ends with a jack plane, sandpapers them down, and puts on a coat of varnish before he ever thinks of asking for his pay" Then they all went in to the Grand Hotel after a big drink, before Syntax could tell how his wood sawyer silver plated all the ends of the wood, and nailed a handle on each and every stick to pick it up by —*Saturday Night*

Destitute Carpetbaggers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn, Dec 8 —A large number of laboring men recently arrived at Vicksburg from the North, and, being out of employment, they no doubt augmented the white army there to a small degree During the past week or ten days a large number of laborers from the North have arrived here, as well as at nearly every other Southern city, more than for many years. The cause of this sudden immigration was not known until a day or two since, when the fact came to light that the railroads centering at Chicago, Cincinnati, and other northern cities were offering second class tickets to any Southern point at half fare, holding out as inducements prompt employment and high wages and by that means deceiving hundreds The same may be said of the roads running to Texas, where as well as here, the country is flooded with laborers seeking employment, which it is impossible to get, as the cotton picking season is over and scarcely any labor will be needed until spring, The result of this influx is that the station houses in the different cities of the south are crammed with hundreds of men who, unable to find work, are compelled to beg their daily bread from door to door and seek shelter in the station houses at night The suffering among this class, allured from the north by the flattering advertisements of railway lines is terrible, and there are many who, rather than beg, resort to petit larceny that they may be sent to jail, where they will get enough to eat This is not only the case here, but similar reports are received from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas, and especially in the latter state, where a gentleman who arrived to day says there is a great surplus of labor, and hundreds would be glad of an opportunity to work for board during the winter In this city the custom of looking to the station house for lodging has become so general among this class of tramps, that the police have issued orders to furnish lodgings but three nights to any individual After that, if application be made, the applicant is liable to arrest for vagrancy and placed on the chain gang Some of these wanderers are loud in their denunciation of the railroads who brought them here, and declare they will annihilate the railroad runners if they ever get back

Another Train Robbery.

KANSAS CITY, Mo, Dec 8 —The passenger train No 4, on the Kansas Pacific Road was robbed at Muncie, a flag station nine miles from this city, at 4 o'clock to day, as the train was coming to this city The robbers, masked, five in number, had approached the track on horses, and before the approach of the train, had piled rails on the track, seeing which the train was halted by the engineer A robber boarded the engine, and others the mail and express car, and made the agents hold up their hands, after unlocking the safes, etc About $30,000 was taken from Wells, Fargo & Co's express This was done by uncoupling the express car from the train, and with a rifle pointed at the head of the engineer, he was made to draw the express car a short distance from the train, which was guarded by two of the five, all of whom were heavily armed with rifles and revolvers Conductor Brinkerhoff stuck his head out of the car and was fired at He told the robbers he must signal an approaching freight train, and was told to go ahead, which he proceeded to do unharmed None of the passengers were molested One of the robbers took a fine watch from the express messenger, but returned it on being told it was personal property Another robber also secured a watch, but was ordered by the captain of the gang to return it The robbers, after their work, mounted their horses, but before departing shot two horses belonging to some parties who had come to the station, thus cutting off pursuit It is believed this is neither the James nor Younger gang They fired about twenty shots to intimidate the passengers

Wells, Fargo & Co offer $5,000 for the recovery of the money, and $1,000 each for the robbers, dead or alive.

THE striking coopers of Minneapolis, who were brought to terms a few weeks ago, have broken out in a new spot, and there are prospects of further troubles between employes and employers The Hoboken and Brooklyn 'longshoremen exhibit symptoms of weakness, though a little trouble is anticipated before they are persuaded to go to work

THE Chamber of Commerce of Vicksburg, Miss, will suggest a State Democratic Convention, to be held there on the 8th of January A call will soon be issued, and will be in keeping with the recent demonstration in that city The Democracy will then make a desperate effort to get control of all the State offices

IN the case of David A Gage, ex-treasurer of the city of Chicago, charged with defalcation of public money, the jury, on Friday, brought in a verdict of not guilty Popular enthusiasm ran high after the acquittal, and Gage was honored with a spontaneous ovation by the people of Waukegan, where the trial occurred

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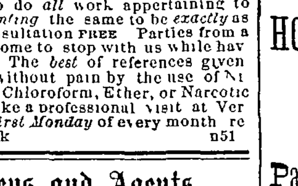

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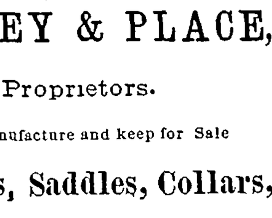

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TWEED'S TRAVELS

He Makes a Little Excursion to the City.

From the N Y Republic of the 3d

Yesterday afternoon the city was startled by a rumor that William W. Tweed had escaped from the custody of Warden Liscomb The report spread like lightning, and for a time every other topic sunk into obscurity On the corners of the streets, on the horse cars, ferry boats, and in all the leading hotels, the "escape" was discussed with the greatest interest and anxiety The rumor stated that while Mr Tweed was stepping off of the ferryboat from Blackwell's Island, a crowd of sympathizers and friends rushed up to the dethroned Boss, and pushing him into a carriage, the driver whipped up his horses and drove off with the greatest rapidity, before the officials from the island were aware of what was going on about them The news of the reported escape reached the Department of Charities and Correction, No 66 Third Avenue, about 3 o'clock, and shortly after Commissioner Laimbeer was seen to move around with great activity, and after giving a few directions he left his office Down town the news was creating the greatest excitement and interest In the Sheriff's office the attaches were "crowing" over the apparent responsibility of the police, while, at the Police Headquarters in Mulberry street, several of the City Fathers were making anxious inquiries regarding the truth of the rumor.

Superintendent Walling telegraphed over to Blackwell's Island shortly before 4 o'clock, and word came back that Tweed was not on the island The officials looked aghast, but their anxiety was dispelled when the second dispatch from the island came, with the compliments of Commissioner Laimbeer, and announced that Tweed was safe on the island and in the custody of Warden Liscomb

For the time being, however, the report of the escape of the Boss created considerable sensation Matters, however, became all the more mixed when it was found to be a false alarm, for people immediately wanted to know all about it—who started the report and then who stopped it, and whether an escape had been meditated The startling rumor arose from the fact that though Warden Liscomb was ordered to produce Mr Tweed in court on a writ of habeas corpus, and though they started in obedience to that writ they did not enter the court, but stopped at Mr Tweed's old office, in Duane street, where he was met by his son and his counsel, while Mr Dewey and his guardian, Warden Liscomb, went on to the court room. As Mr Phelps did not regard his actual presence in court essential, and his own counsel did not demand it, he did not leave his office till the decision of Judge Barrett, remanding him to the island, was announced to him, when he entered his carriage with the Warden, was driven to the ferry and taken back to his old quarters

While the argument in Court was proceeding Mr Tweed was closeted with his son and his son's partner, Mr Edelstein, and his brother Richard, who denied to all visitors that Mr Tweed was in town Immediately after Judge Barrett's adverse decision Mr Field and Mr Bartlett came to him to communicate to him the result A few minutes later Mr Tweed, his son and Warden Liscomb entered a carriage and were driven rapidly off, Mr Tweed looking much depressed

All sorts of remarks were afloat during the evening in regard to the tender and considerate way in which Tweed was handled by his custodians yesterday and the opportunities he had to escape if, like Genet, he had made the attempt Some were found bold enough to hint that the arrangements of the day made by the Boss' friends did not include his return to Blackwell's Island.

Rebel Cotton Will Not be Paid For.

WASHINGTON, D C, Dec 3 —The Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered a decision in which, for the first time, the question of the power of the so called Confederate Government to make a valid contract has been adjudicated The plaintiff had, knowingly, purchased cotton of an agent of the Confederate States This cotton was subsequently seized by the United States, and the proceeds converted into the Treasury Plaintiff brought suit in the Court of Claims to recover This Court

REJECTED THE CLAIM

The Supreme Court affirms this decision of the Court of Claims on two grounds First, because the purchase of the cotton and the payment of the consideration necessarily tended to give aid to the Rebellion, and all such contracts are void as contrary to public policy This was concurred in by the whole Court Second, because the so-called Government of the Confederate States

HAD NO EXISTENCE

except as a conspiracy to overthrow lawful authority Its foundation was treason against the existing Federal authority Its single purpose, so long as it lasted, was to make that treason successful It was not necessary to the organization of civil government and the support of social order, but was destructive of the best interests of society, its existence being an enormous evil When it was overthrown, it perished totally, leaving no laws, no statutes, no decrees or authority which can give support to any contract or act done in its service, or in aid of its purpose, or which contributed to protract its existence Hence the plaintiff

COULD NOT DERIVE ANY TITLE

to this cotton under the contract made by him with an agent of the so-called Confederate Government, such contract being totally void

In support of this second position of the Court, the Chief Justice and six Associates concur Two—Mr Justice Clifford and Mr Justice Davis—dissent, on the ground that its announcement was not necessary to the decision of this case

The Wisconsin Senatorship.

MILWAUKEE, Dec 2 —In reply to a request from prominent citizens, Senator Howe has written a letter with respect to the approaching election of United States senator in this State He assumes that the choice of the legislature will fall upon Mr. Carpenter or Mr. Washburn, and says both are deservedly distinguished, the latter for the solidity of his counsels, and the former for the brilliancy of his advocacy With respect to the specific charges against Senator Carpenter, he says that only two have really prejudiced him in public estimation One is that he supported the Poland gag law; the other that he supported the salary grab law The first charge rests upon an utter misconception of the law, which has no more relation to the freedom of the press than any other chapter in the criminal code With respect to the salary bill Mr Howe thinks that Mr Carpenter made a grave mistake, but finds that Mr Washburn made the same mistake in 1856, when a member of the lower House In conclusion, he says of Senator Carpenter, that he has achieved the first honor of the Senate and has done as much to distinguish Wisconsin and the West as anyone whom the West ever sent to Washington; and while he does not mean to disparage the efforts of others, he thinks that no one man has done as much as Mr Carpenter in the late canvass to rescue the Republican party in Wisconsin from the defeat which surprised it one year ago

The official vote of Georgia foots up 92,447 Democratic and 33,132 Republican In 1868 there were 96,000 registered Republican voters in that State, or nearly 4,000 more than the entire Democratic vote in November Ku Klux intimidation and White League outrages kept away the 63,000 missing Republicans

Mr W B Astor has leased the well known Astor House, N. Y City, for a term of five years to Mr W G Scheneck, proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel, No 39 Cortlandt street.

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 17, 1874

The thanks of the new publishers of the Press and Dakotaian are tendered for the kindly manner in which they are received by the press and the public.

McCrary's bill for the relief of the grasshopper sufferers in Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska, provides that all preemption and homestead settlers in the devastated regions may leave their settlements until May 1, 1876, without forfeiting any rights

Three hundred million dollars worth of southern claims are already prepared for the consideration of the next democratic administration, which the holders confidently expect will occur about the year 1876, if Divine Providence does not interfere, and he probably will

In the suit for $10,000 damages, which was on trial this week in the District Court, at Sioux City, of Judge N. J Bond, of Council Bluffs vs O C. Treadway and John A Schmidt, of Sioux City, for malicious persecution, the jury, after twenty-four hours' deliberation failed to agree.

The bill introduced into congress by Mr McCrary, to provide for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Black Hills reservation, and referred to the committee on Indian affairs, provides for the appointment by the President of a commission to negotiate a treaty with the Indians for the transfer by them to the United States of all their title and claim to the said reservation, to the end that the same may be opened for settlement

The secretary of the treasury has taken the initiative in giving personal examination in the steps taken for a further reduction in the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs, and is making a thorough examination of the force employed, and the actual duties discharged by all the persons in the customs service It already appears that there will be a saving, under the contemplated reduction, of probably $500,000 during the current fiscal year

THE BEST WE CAN OFFER JUST NOW.

The Herald calls upon its city cotemporary for an opinion in the matter of Hackett vs. McKay, opposing aspirants to a seat in the legislature from the 5th district This evidently means us, as the Press and Dakotaian is supposed to exist coeval with the Herald. There are periods in the existence of every human being when he feels that he is not competent to wrestle with the momentous problems which circle about him and dance attendance upon his every movement This seems to be one of those times with us We have been but fifteen days in the territory and have thus far been engrossed in the transaction attending the purchase of a printing office and the opening up of a business We are informed by the Herald that two gentlemen from Dakota's uttermost wilds are here in Yankton claiming the privilege of representing thousands of square miles (more or less) of territory in the legislature, that the one who is entitled to his seat has not secured it and the one who is not entitled to his seat has secured it, and are asked to give a righteous opinion in the premises. If we were still a denizen of the ungodly east, where the enticing game of euchre is in vogue, we should be tempted to employ the current phrase and " pass " But here in the purer atmosphere of usages undefiled by the depraving customs of too much civilization it would, perhaps, grate harshly upon our neighbor's susceptibilities and we recall the word Still, if we could manage some way to get excused, temporarily, this time, we would be the happier for the indulgence It is an important subject and we would not like to misjudge either of the gentlemen whose names the Herald handles with such evident familiarity All we can justly do, at present, is to refer the Herald to the reports of the committee appointed to investigate the case One member of the committee is of the opinion that Mr Hackett was elected, while two members decide in favor of Mr McKay The legislature, composed of gentlemen of discernment and wisdom, adopted the majority report It would be impudence in an utter stranger to go back of this report and base an opinion upon his sagacity Hence we claim the privilege of postponement and hope that our cotemporary will recognize the justice of the claim

ENCOURAGING IMMIGRATION.

On Thursday of last week Gov Pennington issued a special message to the legislature in which he urged that body to take immediate steps towards providing for the reception and care of immigrants The governor predicates his recommendations upon information received by him through a member of the committee in charge of Russian immigration, Gabriel Bear From the statements of that gentleman it appears that Dakota has just lost some thirty families of Russians, because no provision is made for the reception and temporary care of immigrants at the city of Yankton This special message of the governor and accompanying letter from Mr Bear is published in full in our report of legislative doings We hope it will be generally read and pondered upon and that such action may be taken as will enable Dakota to compete with other territories and states in the effort to secure homesteaders for the waiting acres of the northwest Our domain is broad and long and rich in the germs of future wealth, but without the human muscle to develop its latent forces it is as useless to present and future generations as are the ice fields of the polar wastes From every hillside, valley and plain of our territory nature is beckoning to the oncoming hosts of hard-handed yeomanry Afar off they recognize the signal of welcome and long to enter the promised land, but falter at its doorway because beyond the entrance there is no adequate provision for their immediate necessities Strangers from a distant land, unused to our language and customs, and therefore vexed by a thousand uncertainties as to the future, from the force of circumstances they are compelled to turn their faces in the direction of proffered aid The tide of immigration is thus diverted from its natural course and will only resume its channel when existing obstructions have been removed In view of the facts we ask, for the good of the territory, serious consideration of Gov. Pennington's special and speedy compliance with his recommendations.

The city of Yankton has in the past made provision for the temporary care of immigrants, but only during the summer months, and for the good they have already done its people are entitled to generous credit. But the matter properly comes within the province of the legislature, as the territory at large, and not Yankton alone, is to receive ultimate benefit *from the settlement* of unoccupied lands It is a common cause in which all alike are interested

Since the foregoing was placed in type a bill has been introduced into the legislature providing for the appointment of commissioners of immigration and appropriating $1,000 from territorial funds for the construction of a temporary lodging place for immigrants, at Yankton, provided the city of Yankton will furnish a like sum The bill is a good one, excepting that the territory should add another thousand to its share of the fund Three thousand dollars would pay for a good building from the use of which the territory at large would derive vastly more benefit than the city of Yankton An amended bill of that sort should pass

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC MASSACRE

Periodical outbreaks of the democratic element of the south, accompanied by the bloody carnage of a general massacre, no longer excite serious comment in this peaceable fraction of our Union Unoffending republicans, white and black, are mercilessly butchered by the still rebellious inhabitants of the defeated confederacy and the murderous acts call forth but passing comment in even the loyal section of our common country The Virginius was captured by the Cuban authorities and a portion of the passengers put to death Indignation swelled the American bosom, the perpetrators of the dastardly deed were instructed to make recompense under the penalty of war, and they yielded to the menace Again and again are we called upon to make record of butcheries upon our own soil ten-fold more bloody and flagrant than the Virginius affair, *and no one has the slightest* idea of demanding that punishment be meted out to the perpetrators Scarcely has the earth drank up the blood of Louisiana's slaughtered citizens than the wires are laden with details of a fresh emeute in the city of Vicksburg We are first regaled with the oft told tale of a negro insurrection—whites fleeing for their lives and blacks patrolling the streets brandishing their weapons of war Next we are told that a battle has ensued and that the down-trodden whites have rallied in defence of their "rights," and killed and wounded SEVENTY-FIVE negroes, their own loss in this desperate struggle for their lives, the lives of their babes and the protection of their property being placed at ONE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED Then the contest proceeds from day to day till unarmed and unoffending negroes are shot on sight, simply because their skin is black In the course of time the negroes are either all killed or driven to their hiding places and peace once more reigns—the south is safe, the insurrection has been subdued and the flame which made a bon fire of the southern heart is permitted to subside Chivalry retires to his home, cleans the powder stains from his musket and revolvers and calmly awaits the next republican insurrection And it will come, for chivalry has oiled his weapons and placed his cartridges where they will be handy at a moments' notice It is down on the programme of political exercises that the negroes must "insurrect" once in so often, and if they don't do it willingly they will be coerced

In the last week's deplorable affair at Vicksburg all the animus of southern democratic nature came to the surface They demanded the resignation of Sheriff Crosby, a republican official, simply because he was republican He demurred The democracy *organized with guns in* their hands to enforce their demand The negro militia of the state turned out to preserve order and protect a regularly elected official Fighting ensued, Crosby became a prisoner and was forced to resign, the negro militia was assailed, badly cut up and scattered in every direction Gov Ames took a stand in favor of the blacks and ordered the democratic mob to disperse They at first protested, but, after succeeding in all they had undertaken, complied, and peace once more reigns in Vicksburg—a peace which is zealously guarded by five hundred armed democrats, organized by the mayor of the city The slain negroes have been put under the sod and their surviving brethren are tremblingly awaiting the day when they will be called upon to indulge in another " insurrection."

DELEGATE KIDDER.

The Sioux Valley News, states that the following resolutions were adopted at the recent term of court in Canton

RESOLVED That the members of the Lincoln county bar being aware that the Hon J. P Kidder, presiding judge of the supreme court of the territory of Dakota has been called by the people to represent them in congress

Deeply regretting his withdrawal from the bench—they remember the clearness of his intellect—the justness of his judgment, the purity and benevolence of his heart They desire to preserve some public memorial of this event which they deplore, and therefore request that this entry be made upon the records of the court

His honor, Jefferson P. Kidder, left the bench, and Mark W Bailey was elected chairman The resolution unanimously adopted by the members of the bar present and the clerk was requested to enter the same on the journal in a manner that each attorney present might have an opportunity to sign his name

Governor Pennington's Message.

[From the Sioux City Journal]

The message of Governor Pennington to the Dakota legislature, which we have given to our readers in full, is a document to be commended for its practical good sense It is to be hoped that the results of the deliberations of the territorial law makers may bear evidence that the counsel of the Executive was wisely heeded

One point particularly should be borne in mind—and that the danger of too many new laws The tendency of our times is quite decidedly in the direction of too much law This is fully comprehended by Governor Pennington, who counsels the legislature to direct effort to the improvement of laws already existing rather than in framing new statutes.

Another point, particularly, is well taken, and the people of the territory should duly appreciate the action of the Governor in enforcing it upon the minds of the politicians We refer to what he says bearing upon the subject of making Dakota a state The Governor is evidently of the sound opinion that there should be no haste in this direction As a territory its expenses of government are chiefly borne for them by the general government, and their taxes for this purpose are therefore merely nominal Most of the people are poor, and while they are struggling to establish themselves in a new country the large taxes that would be forced upon them through the necessities of maintaining a state government would weigh heavily The people are the gainers as it is, and their best policy is to be in no haste about changing their relations to the general government The contrary influence is that of politicians who desire the offices—the United States Senatorships, etc

The Governor in his remarks on the subjects of schools, railroads, immigration, etc, coupled with his clear statements of the *character of the resources of the territory* and its needs, exhibit practical comprehension of the means requisite to the rapid and substantial progress of Dakota, and are entitled to careful consideration The honesty with which he states his points, the absence of anything like "hifalutin" in what he has to say of the territory and the condition of its people, will attract attention and respect wherever the document is read

The message as a whole can only be regarded as an excellent paper

THE NORTHWEST.

Brief Items of Interest from Various Points.

DAKOTA

Bloomingdale, Clay county, will celebrate Christmas eve with a grand ball

J W. Hoffman, of Elk Point, will slaughter five hundred hogs as soon as the necessary buildings are completed

A new Episcopal church is nearly completed at Elk Point which has been leased by the Congregationalists for two years

The Fargo Express speaks loudly in favor of its new hotel and court house, and says that none better can be found in the territory

The old settlers society of Clay county will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday the 22d inst for the election of officers for the ensuing year

Jack Kale, who was reported murdered by Indians, called around at the Bismarck Tribune office last week and insisted that the report is a canard

The *Mirror* says that "building goes right along in Fargo, just as though it were spring Houses to supply the demands of business must be built without regard to the weather"

John Peterson, a former resident of Red-wing, Minn, was found dead in the woods near Bismarck, with a bullet in his head, on the 3d inst A reward of $500 is offered for his murderer

Maj Sperry, U S Indian agent at Berthold, reports that the Indians having gone into winter quarters, except two hundred that remain at the agency No trouble anticipated by the Sioux

Mr E B Crew, grand master of the territorial organization of Patrons of Husbandry, reports the order in a flourishing and progressive condition It now consists of fifty six subordinate granges, several of which have been recently instituted

The Russian settlers at Swan Lake, Turner county, intend holding monthly fairs for the sale of stock and provisions, on the first Monday of each month This is an old country custom, which they desire to perpetuate The first gathering will be held January 4th

NEBRASKA

Niobrara is progressing—a cemetery was established there last week

Nebraska gives $170,000, this year, to the school fund—$295 to each child within the school age

A proposition has been made by the people of Lincoln to build a $100,000 capitol at their own expense

Lincoln is the location of a new democratic paper, which floats the name of "The Spy" from its masthead

The Burlington and Missouri company recently donated $200 to the poor Mennonites located upon their lands in Clay county

The Ponca Journal complains that numerous Indians, strayed away from their reservations, are annoying the inhabitants of Dixon county

The residents of St James, recognizing the importance of manufacturing establishments, are holding meetings for the purpose of locating a woolen mill at that place

A Norwegian attempted to cross the river on the ice at St Helena, last week, with a load of grain, but broke through His team was saved after a half a day of unremitting labor

MINNESOTA

During the month of February two hundred deer were killed in the vicinity of Brainerd

St Paul produces a registry list of pleasing proportions by copying names from the tombstones of its cemetery

Duluth, after much tribulation and several manly efforts, is to have a flouring mill which will produce twenty barrels per day

The county commissioners, of Watonwan county, have purchased three and a half tons of corn-meal for distribution to the destitute of the county

Hennepin county enjoys the proud distinction of having contributed a greater number of criminals to the state prison than *any other county in the state*

Wm. Dickinson, of Medalia county, raised sufficient corn on four acres to make 3,000 brooms, to the intense disgust of the industrious grasshoppers of that region

John Burt, of Arcadia, Wis, shot and fatally wounded his son at Minneapolis, on the 8th inst, because the latter refused to give him a drink of whisky on demand

Farmers in several portions of the state will use wheat during the winter for feeding stock It contains more nourishment than corn or oats, and is considered cheaper

The citizens of Winnebago City have placed on record a practical illustration of extreme good sense by contributing $1,500 towards establishing a foundry and machine shop there

Most of the employes of the Southern Minnesota R R lead upright lives since the adoption of a rule by the company declaring that the names of individuals addicted to the bewildering cup, or of those who frequent saloons, shall be stricken from the pay rolls.

The attempt to pass a resolution through the St Paul chamber of commerce in favor of the Fox and Wisconsin river improvement, in Wisconsin, was a failure The chamber wants to concentrate all its influence in favor of reorganizing the Northern Pacific railroad enterprise

COLORADO

Saguache had its first snow of the season one day last week

The snow is reported to be eight feet deep on Breckenridge pass

Gen Logan has bought one hundred feet on the Davies lode, for $100,000

Five dead deer is the usual result of one days shooting in Saguache county

Denver is the sickest town in the west, there being two thousand invalids within its limits

Eastern sheep are shipped through Denver at the rate of a car load a day, bound for southern Colorado

Uncle Sam, in the way of internal revenue, took $3,379 95 from Colorado during the month of October

Eastern capitalists contemplate the establishment of a beet sugar manufactory somewhere in Colorado It is a good territory for beets, but most of them are of the defunct class

A Cheyenne telegram of the 9th states that the Ute Indians have raided the Snake River settlements, and that the inhabitants are arming with the intention of making it warm for the scalpers

The band of Utes who recently captured 200 ponies from the Sioux, near Julesburg, are now in camp fifteen miles from Denver The Sioux threaten to send out a war party against them if the horses are not returned

The ladies of Greely propose to establish a sanitarium in that city, at which invalids may be able to receive better accommodations for a reasonable compensation than those afforded by hotels and boarding houses

No 10 of the Saguache Chronicle comes to us, bearing under its heading the announcement that it is an independent weekly paper devoted to everything which pertains to the good of mankind A glance over the columns of the new paper assures us that it is fulfilling its mission

MONTANA

The Bozeman Times, published at Bozeman, has just made its bow to the Montanaians and hopes to exchange information for greenbacks with the people of that region

A Montana paper states authoritatively that Messrs T C Power & Bro, I G Baker & Co, and other capitalists, have ordered a light draft steamboat, first-class in all its appointments, for the upper Missouri *river, and that the boat is to be ready for* the spring trade of 1875

WISCONSIN

The annual meeting of the Wisconsin state grange of Patrons of Husbandry will be held at Madison, January 5th

Congressman Barber, who was confined to his home by a severe attack of pneumonia, has recovered and has gone to *Washington to attend to official duties*

Failing to obtain his rights before the state canvassers and the supreme court, it is understood that Dr McDill, of the 8th district, will now contest the election with Mr Cate before congress

The state canvassers find that on the amendment to the state constitution limiting municipal indebtedness to 5 per cent of the assessed valuation, there were 66,061 votes cast in the affirmative and 1,509 in the negative

Sam Rindskopf, the reformed democrat who was nominated for congress in the Milwaukee district and afterwards withdrew, is on trial before the U S district court at Madison, charged, with others with conspiracy to defraud the government in certain liquor purchases

GENERAL

Washington dispatches foreshadow early and favorable action on the house bill for admission of Colorado and New Mexico

The Sioux City Journal says that two residents of that city Russel and Witcher, are in camp at the Black Hills, prospecting for gold

John D Lee, the chief of the Mountain Meadow massacre, says the Salt Lake Tribune, has been captured by U S Marshal Stokes, and is in the Beaver jail, under a strong guard

The Missouri state grange has passed resolutions in favor of opening direct trade with Brazil via the Mississippi river, receiving coffee, sugar, hides and wool in exchange for western products

A petition is being extensively circulated in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota, asking congress for an appropriation to build a water route from the Mississippi river to Lake Michigan, via the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, thereby giving cheap transportation between the east and west

A San Francisco telegram of the 8th inst states that Edward Madden, the editor of the Merced Tribune was shot and killed by H Granice, a step son of the editor of the San Joaquin Argus An attempt was made to lynch the murderer, but the mob found that the sheriff had removed the prisoner and concealed him

The Situation in Arkansas.

[From the National Republican.]

The President in his message calls attention to the fact that the constitution of Arkansas has been changed in violation of its own provisions, and states that inasmuch as congress is investigating the political condition of Arkansas, he has thus far declined to interfere, but says " With the law to support it, it is condemned without a hearing" Truer words were never spoken and the country never witnessed such departures from law as preceded and kept pace with the destruction of a constitutional form of government The history of no country can show its parallel, and a recital of the facts shock the moral sensibilities of every man acquainted with them In the Rhode Island case it was claimed the people had a right, without the assistance of an enabling act, to create another constitution, but in the Arkansas case the claim is that a body of men claiming to be members of the general assembly of a state may assemble within the military lines of a faction and pass a law calling a constitutional convention, when the constitution itself prohibits it and provides how the same shall be altered or amended When we come to take into consideration that twenty seven persons were admitted to seats in the house of representatives to fill vacancies which did not exist, and that ten were admitted to seats in the senate to fill vacancies that did not exist, and that these twenty seven persons in the house and ten in the senate, at all times during the session of the so called extraordinary session of the legislature, constituted a majority of each branch of the general assembly, and that these are the persons that called the constitutional convention in Arkansas, it is time for thinking men to reflect whether such a precedent shall pass into history and furnish a rule for other states to follow

In looking over the pretended constitution, and we have given it but a cursory examination, we find that in amending the constitution of 1868, the White Leaguers of Arkansas have stricken out the following provisions First, a provision that inhibited the legislature from paying for emancipated slaves, second, a provision inhibiting the legislature from paying any debt or liability incurred in aid of the rebellion, third, a provision that asserted the paramount allegiance of the citizen was due to the United States, fourth, a proposition that asserted that no power existed in the people to dissolve their connection with the federal government, fifth, a provision that denied the right of secession, sixth, a provision asserting that the federal government is clothed with power to maintain and perpetuate its existence by force of arms, seventh, a provision that pledged the faith and credit of the state to the payment of its debt, and eighth, a provision that made every elector competent to serve as a juror These acts of themselves ought to condemn any constitution, no matter how regularly and lawfully the people had proceeded These were the vital questions of the war, yet we find the White Leaguers of Arkansas returning to their secession vomit In the act admitting Arkansas to representation in congress is a provision that, in the event the constitution of that state should be altered or amended, it should not be so altered or amended as to disfranchise voters in regard to time and place of residence, unless it was done *prospectively* Yet, in the face of this provision, the White Leaguers have declared a *constitution ratified* that disfranchises thousands of persons who were electors under the constitution of 1868 This sort of work cannot be tolerated, and we believe that congress will teach that element of society that the forms of law and the questions settled by the war must be observed

Alabama Negroes

The Chicago Inter Ocean draws attention to the address of the colored convention at Montgomery, Ala, as follows

The address is a moving recital of the wrongs to which the colored people of that state are subjected It contains internal evidence of truthfulness and is to that extent *conclusive of the fact that the constitution* of the United States, as amended, and the laws of congress bearing on the subject of the rights of negroes are absolutely ignored or willfully violated by the white people of the state The following strong language is used

The ex slaveholder believed then (after the nominal acceptance of the thirteenth amendment) and does believe to this day, and has taught his children to believe that we were his property, his chattels stolen from him by a powerful enemy, who had invaded his country, and that to deprive us of everything we earn and possess is a matter of right, and it is the duty to treat as an alien enemy every white man and intelligent colored man who may attempt to improve us

We believe this to be a true characterization of southern sentiment, and the sooner the republican party and the administration adopt and act upon the theory of its correctness, the sooner will *a solution of the* southern political question be reached The assumption that the south accepts the freedom and equal political and civil rights of the negro as guaranteed by the constitution is false And being false, it is delusive, leading inevitably to new complications The colored people of Alabama are about to give up the struggle for the acknowledgment of their rights When they come to this conclusion finally, one of two things must happen Either they will be reduced to practical slavery or forced to emigrate to some more favored state In fact, so far as the Alabama convention is concerned, they have already adopted the latter alternative They have organized an emigration association, and conferred upon it authority to "take such steps as will best effect the early settlement of a colony of colored families at the far west"

The Indian who Stared at Mr Weiseman

[From the Cedar County Advocate

Mr H Weiseman, of Brookey's Bottom, this county, called on us yesterday, (Tuesday) and from him we learned the particulars of the shooting of an Indian who strayed into his premises, evidently with hostile intent On thanksgiving day last, in the morning, two of the red imps came up to his house and were at once ordered to "vamoose," and they immediately took their departure without stopping to question the authority Shortly after Mr Weiseman noticed a solitary Indian calmly seated between the house and barn, wrapped in his blanket, his face disfigured with war paint and a rifle across his knees Upon being informed that his presence was not required in that vicinity, he let loose a few grunts and set staring Mr W insolently in the face This was more than the old frontiersman could take, so passing quickly into the house and taking down his double barrel shot gun, which fortunately for Lo, was loaded with fine shot, he emptied the contents into the redskin's blanket, who immediately broke for "tall timber," badly wounded Mr Weiseman, it will be remembered, had five children butchered in the most horrible manner by the Indians during the summer of 1863, and the feeling he entertains for them is anything but friendly, so if Uncle Sam wishes to winter his pets and bring them out in the spring with whole pelts, they must keep on their reservations and away from Brookey's Bottom

DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

11th Session—3d Biennial

COUNCIL—SIXTH DAY

SATURDAY, Dec 12, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called All present

Mr Branch presented a petition from the citizens of Armstrong and Hutchinson counties, asking that those two counties be consolidated into one county organization

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill to repeal chapter 7 laws of 1862 also of a bill to repeal chapter 25, laws of 1872-3

Mr Fraley gave notice of a memorial to congress asking an appropriation to erect a penitentiary in Dakota

Mr Jolley introduced council bill No 11 providing the salary of superintendent of public instruction and for other purposes, also council bill No 12, to amend sections 15, 16 28, 42, 15 and 57, of the laws of 1867-8, approved January 6, 1868, entitled an act for the incorporation of towns, etc

Mr Lawrence introduced council bill No 13, a memorial to congress praying that the Black Hills of Dakota be opened for settlement, and the Indian title to the same be extinguished

Mr Austin introduced council bill No 14 a bill providing for a lien of landlords

Mr Fraley introduced council bill No 15, to amend section 125 of the justices code

The above bills were read the first time, and the council then adjourned until Monday evening at 7 o'clock

HOUSE—SIXTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer, roll call, quorum present

Mr Bothun from the committee on federal relations reported council bill No 1, a memorial to congress praying for a division of Dakota, recommending its passage The memorial was passed

The speaker then appointed Messrs Berry, Anderson, Knud Larson, Bosworth, Ellis, Luce, Stearns, Zitka and Bruce, as a standing committee on immigration

Mr Shaw presented a resolution requesting the messenger of the house to procure the mail coming to members of the house, from the post office Adopted

Mr Berry introduced a resolution requesting that 200 copies of the Governor's message respecting immigration, be printed Adopted

Mr Bothum gave notice of a bill to amend chapter 35 of the laws of 1870-71

Mr Zitka gave notice of a bill for a territorial road from Yankton to Geo Trumbo's ranche on Choteau creek, by way of Smutty Bear bottom Bon Homme and Springfield

Mr Cleland introduced house file No 7, a bill to repeal chapter 8 of the laws of 1872-3

Mr Williams introduced house file No 8, a bill to repeal the last four lines in section 4 of an act entitled an act to establish a public school law for the Territory of Dakota, approved Jan 13, 1871

The above bills were read first time, council bill No 2, repealing sections 478 and 480 of the penal code relative to masked balls, and also council bill No 3, to define the boundaries of judicial districts and provide for holding courts therein were referred to the committee on judiciary

Council bill No 4, a memorial asking for and additional appropriation to complete the Fort Randall and Big Sioux bridge wagon road, was referred to committee of highways bridges and ferries

House bill No 4 to amend chapter 4, section 1 of the civil code, approved January 10, 1873, was taken up and the following amendment was offered by Mr Sampson, and agreed to "Strike out the words "one and one half in the fourth line," and insert word one, also strike out the word "eighteen in the sixth line and insert the words twelve in lieu thereof"

On motion of Mr Bothum the bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading

House bill No 5 to amend the code of civil procedure requiring the docketing of civil executions, and house bill No 6, to amend chapter 15 of mortgages, approved January 11th, 1865, were referred to judiciary committee

House file No 1, to repeal section 10 chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, and for other purposes, was then taken up By consent, Mr Moody withdrew his motion to have the bill engrossed and read a third time, and introduced a substitute for the bill before the house, which was referred to the judiciary committee and ordered printed

On motion of Mr Wahl, the special for 2 o clock this p m (the Governor's message,) was made a special order for Monday next at 2 o clock, and the house then adjourned

COUNCIL—EIGHTH DAY

MONDAY, Dec 14, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

On motion of Mr Stevens, Hon G P Bennett, of Union county, was invited to a seat within the bar of the council

Mr Williams gave notice that he would introduce a bill to repeal chapter 6 of the laws of 1864-5, also a bill to repeal chapter 34 of the laws of 1862, also a bill to repeal sections 207 to 220 inclusive, of the justices code of 1865-6, also a bill to re enact chapter 10 of the laws of 1868-9

Mr Williams introduced council bill No 16, to repeal chapter 25 of the laws of 1872-3, approved January 18, 1873, and also council bill No 17, to repeal chapter 7 of the laws of 1862, approved May 2, 1862 Read first time

Council bill No 11, providing a salary to superintendents of public instruction, was referred to committee on education, council bill No 12, to amend an act for the incorporation of towns, was referred to the committee on incorporations, council bill No 13 a memorial asking for the opening of the Black Hills, was passed, council bill No 14, to establish a landlord's lien, was referred to the committee on judiciary council bill No 15, to amend section 125 of the justices code, was referred to the judiciary

The council then adjourned

HOUSE—EIGHTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Roll called Quorum present Prayer by the chaplain

On motion of Mr Berry, the special order, (governor's message) was postponed until 2 p m to morrow

The committee on elections, J M Wahl, chairman, reported that they had had under consideration the case of W C Grant and Henry Reifsnyder, claiming a seat from the 4th district and that in the opinion of the committee Hutchinson county still forms a part of the 4th district, and that Henry Reifsnyder is entitled to the seat The report was adopted

Mr Anderson presented a resolution requesting the territorial auditor and treasurer to furnish a correct statement of the financial condition of the territory, at the earliest practicable moment, for the information of the house

On motion of Mr Berry, the sergeant at-arms was instructed to prepare a list of the names of members, with their places of abode

Mr Curry gave notice of a bill to repeal chapter 25 of the laws of 1872

Mr Luce gave notice of a bill to legalize the official acts of certain officers of Moody county

Mr Anderson introduced a bill to establish a bureau of immigration

House file No 7, to repeal chapter 8 of the laws of 1872-3, was referred to committee on ways and means

House file No 8, to repeal the last four lines of the public school laws, was referred to committee on education

House file No 4, to amend chapter 4, section one, of the civil code, approved January 18, 1873, on motion of Mr Wahl, was referred to committee on ways and means

On motion of Mr Wahl, the house adjourned

COUNCIL—NINTH DAY

TUESDAY, Dec 15, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer by the chaplain Roll called Quorum present,

Mr Sheafe, from the committee on railroads, reported council bill No 7, a memorial to congress asking a grant of land to aid in constructing a railroad from Yankton to the National Park, recommending its passage

On motion of Mr Sheafe, Messrs Meckling, Weston and Brookings were invited to seats within the bar of the council

Mr Chandler gave notice of a bill to amend sections 6 33, 34, 56 and 59 of chapter 35 of the laws of 1870-1—the public school law, also of a bill to define when the laws of Dakota shall take effect and be in force

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill repealing chapter 39 of the laws of 1862

Mr Stevens gave notice of a joint resolution to provide for the payment of the chaplains of the two houses

Mr Williams introduced council bill No 18, repealing chapter 6 of laws of 1864-5

Council bill No 16, repealing chapter 25 of the laws of 1872-3, was on motion of Mr Branch referred to the committee on Indian affairs

Council bill No 17, to repeal chapter 7 of the laws of 1862, was referred to the committee on judiciary

On motion of Mr Austin council bill No 7, a memorial for a land grant to the Yankton and National Park railroad was considered engrossed, read the third time and passed

The council then adjourned

HOUSE—NINTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

The commissioner of immigration introduced a communication showing the increase during the year, etc, which will appear in our next issue

A W Shaw from the judiciary reported house bills Nos 1 and 2 (substitute) recommending their passage

On motion of Mr Luce Hon F J Cross was invited to a seat within the bar

Mr Luce introduced House bill No 10, to provide for an Immigrant House in Yankton, read and referred to committee on immigration

On motion of Mr Shaw the report of the commissioner of immigration was referred to the same committee

Mr Sampson gave notice of a bill to amend the public school law

Mr Knud Larson gave notice of a bill providing for the registration of county warrants and the payment of the same according to date of registration

Mr Bothun introduced House bill No 11, to amend the laws of 1870-1—the public school laws

Mr Zitka introduced house bill No 12, providing for a territorial road between Yankton and Choteau Creek

Mr Luce introduced house bill No 13, to legalize the acts of certain county officers of Moody county, D T

Mr Williams from the committee on ways and means reported a substitute for house file No 4, and recommended its passage

Council bill No 2, relative to masked balls, was then read the third time

Mr Knud Larson moved it be indefinitely postponed Lost, 19 to 5 The bill was then passed

House bill No 9, to establish a bureau of immigration was then referred to immigration committee

House file No 2, to repeal section 2 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872 3, and for other purposes was then passed

House bill No 3 a memorial for a mail route from Sioux Falls to Lake Benton, Minn, was then passed

House file No 4, (substitute) a bill amending section 1 of chapter 5 of the civil code approved January 10 1873, was then passed

On motion of Mr Wahl the house took a recess until 2 p m

Reconvened at 2 p m Speaker in the chair

The hour for the consideration of the special order (Governor's message) having arrived, Mr Curry was called to the chair

After some time spent in the consideration of the message the committee arose, and reported a recommendation that the various subjects treated of in the message be referred to their appropriate committees Adopted

On motion of Mr Shaw the committee on house file No 10, to build an immigrant house at Yankton, were instructed to report on to morrow morning

On motion of same the house adjourned

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH

Delaware will have one republican to twenty nine democrats in her next legislature

The Proctor Moulton libel suit has been compromised and the Tilton Beecher suit postponed until January

A gang of horse thieves, who seem to baffle all detectives are pilfering extensively throughout Southern Minnesota

During the month of November the receipts of internal revenue for the first district of Wisconsin were $177,529 85

A dispatch from Knoxville, says John W Hofon past grand master of the masonic fraternity, died there on the 9th

A savings bank at Corinth, Miss, was robbed of $10 000 in currency and jewelry, by four masked robbers on the 8th inst

The supreme court of Indiana has decided that colored children are not entitled to admission into the common schools of that state

The Episcopal convention at Davenport elected Rev W R Huntington, of Worcester, Mass, to the vacant bishopric, but he had not accepted at latest advices

The six steamers which left New York last Saturday carried out sixteen hundred passengers, a majority of whom were foreigners returning to their old homes

Distilleries in the United States increased twenty nine in November, making a total on the 1st of December of 255 and increased the producing capacity 30 515 gallons

In the contest for Senator in Missouri this year the claims of Mr Schurz are entirely ignored by the democracy They are determined to elect a full fledged bourbon or none

If New York City does not show a greater population in the census to be taken next year than all the rural counties in the state combined, it will not be the fault of Tammany Hall

The government has abandoned the safe burglary cases, the supreme court of the district having pronounced the indictment a nullity, and the bondsmen of the defendants have been released

The latest from the Corinth bank robbers states that the sheriff's posse was in hot pursuit, but nearly twelve hours behind them The robbers were making for the Sand Mountains of Alabama

A late New Orleans paper tells us that "the family of the late Capt Fry, of Virginius fame, are reported in a pitiable condition and in danger of starving The mother and seven children are destitute"

A Montgomery (Ala) dispatch reports a meeting of colored men, representing twenty cotton counties of Alabama, to concoct measures for a wholesale emigration to states where the colored people are in the majority

Some of the leading democratic papers in Indiana are opposed to the election of Gov Hendricks, to the United States Senate, because they fear that in this event a republican will be chosen the next governor the state

Governor Kemper, of Virginia, is compelled to confess that his state is unable to pay its debts but he cannot attribute its impoverished condition to carpet bag rule, for since its reconstruction it has been in democratic hands

There is a probability that Justice Swayne, of the United States Supreme Court will soon retire from public life He is now over seventy years of age, and has served his country in one capacity or another the greater portion of an honest life

The house judiciary committee took up the civil rights bill on Friday and without voting upon any features of it appointed Messrs Butler, Poland, and White of Alabama a sub committee to consider the whole subject, and report a new bill to the committee

A distinct shock of earthquake was felt at 10 30 o'clock Thursday night in the upper part of New York City, all along the Hudson river, and up the Harlem river At Stamford, Conn, families were roused from their beds, crockery was shaken, lamp globes were broken, etc

Among the changes to be made early in the U S Treasury Department is the retirement of Leroy Tuttle, Assistant United States Treasurer, who is to be succeeded by James Gillfillan, present appointment clerk Captain Adams, formerly of the Interior Department, is to succeed Gillfillan as appointment clerk

Famine Threatened

OMAHA, Neb Dec 11—Colonel Remick, an old settler and agent sent out by the State Aid Society, has returned from the grasshoper district, having carefully visited seven counties The report is very bad, and shows 2,300 people will need daily rations and clothing till they can raise something to subsist upon in the spring There have been no cases of persons starving to death The people are not inactive They have been and are yet plowing and getting ready for spring planting, hoping that seed will be in some way provided But very few people are leaving the district

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec 11—The State Grange Committee reported that there were in Nebraska, 5,000, and in Kansas, 5,000 members of the order requiring aid It was recommended that the deputies send supplies to deputies in those states, and report to the state agent at Des Moines

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 7—Vice President Wilson called the senate to order and after prayer occupied the chair [illegible] informing the president [illegible] organization were adopted [illegible] introduced By Mr Sherman to provide for the revision of the laws for the collection of customs by Mr Ingalls—to provide [illegible] homestead and preemption settlers in Kansas [illegible] allowed a year's absence from their lands ravaged by grasshoppers without loss of right, by Mr Hitchcock—appropriating $100,000 for the purchase of food to be issued to the starving sufferers from the ravages of grasshoppers on the western frontier by Mr Sargent to [illegible] persons of foreign birth [illegible] At 1 35 p m [illegible] the message was read The reading of the message was concluded at 2 40 p m Mr Carpenter moved that it be laid on the table and printed together with the accompanying documents Agreed to The chair laid before the senate the reports of the secretary of the treasury, the department of justice and the comptroller of the currency which were ordered laid on the table and printed Adjourned

HOUSE

After prayer the first clerk called the roll which showed the presence of 258 of the 301 members constituting the house The President and senate were notified of the organization of the house Mr Phelps introduced a bill for the repeal of the so called "press gag law" After recess the President's message was received and read to the house by the clerk The reading of the message was concluded at 2 45 It was ordered printed The following bills were reported from committees The legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill the naval appropriation bill, the army appropriation bill the Indian appropriation bill the fortification bill (The amount appropriated by the several bills are as follows Legislative bill $19 663 434 navy $16 976 096 army $27 701 500 Indians $4,861,507 fortifications $850 000) the bill appropriating $30,000 for postal expenses under the new law requiring prepayment on newspapers The last bill was passed and the others will come up for consideration in their regular order Mr Cox introduced a bill excepting from the operation of the newspaper postal law cases where the subscriptions were taken prior to 1st of January 1875 and allowing the postage in those cases to be paid at the place of destination, which was referred Adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 8—Mr Wright introduced a bill fixing the salary of the President of the United States at $25 000 Mr Logan presented a memorial from various publishers asking for a change of the postal laws Laid on the table to be referred to hereafter The following bills were introduced By Mr West—a bill for the construction of United States government telegraph lines between the cities of Washington, D C and Boston, by Mr Chandler—a bill amendatory of section 10 of the national currency act of 1864 and section 9 of the act of July 12 1870 Adjourned

HOUSE

Mr Poland from the special committee on the Arkansas troubles, presented a report of the testimony taken during the vacation which was ordered printed Mr Durham, from the committee on banking and currency reported a bill reducing allowances to bank examiners and fixing the rate Passed Mr Maynard chairman of the committee on banking and currency, recorded a bill to amend the national banking act in the matter of proceedings in liquidation Mr Houghton from the committee on Pacific railways, reported a bill providing that the railroad bridge at Omaha Neb and the approaches on each side of the Missouri river shall be operated as part of a continuous line of the Pacific railway and requiring half yearly reports to be made of the monthly receipts of tolls and charges for the use of the bridge Bills were introduced as follows By Mr Hillman—to substitute United States notes for the issues of national banks, by Mr Young (Georgia)—for the payment of all accounts for services rendered to the government in the postal service prior to April 1861 by Mr Beck to prohibit senators representatives, and delegates in congress from acting as counsel or otherwise in suits or proceedings against the United States passed by Mr McCrary—for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Black Hills reservation, Dakota by Mr Wood—fixing the rates of duties on imported merchandise by Mr Meyers—to restore the duty of ten per cent on certain manufactures of cotton wool iron, paper glass leather etc by Mr Crouse—for an additional representative from the state of Nebraska by Mr E H Roberts—proposing amendments to the constitution providing that congress shall not make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of individual debts and that congress shall pass no law impairing the obligation of contracts by Mr Merriam—for free banking, by Mr Pike—instructing the committee on foreign affairs to inquire whether any legislation or government action is necessary to prevent the immigration or importation of coolies under contract for servile labor and of Chinese women for the purpose of prostitution by Mr Hereford—for improvement of the Kanawha river by Mr Townsend (Pa)—to repeal the act requiring stamps on bank checks etc also, authorizing the President to correspond with foreign nations concerning the establishment of a system of international arbitration by Mr White (Ala)—to regulate the elections in certain southern states also, to amend the act to enforce the rights of citizens to vote by Mr Randall—repealing the increase of the president's salary The house then went into committee of the whole on the general calendar, and, after laying aside several bills without action took up the bill of which Judge Kelley is the author for the exchange of greenbacks into 3 65 convertible bonds After a lengthy debate the committee then rose the bill was ordered printed and the house adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON Dec 9—The following memorials were presented A memorial from the citizens of Kansas for an extension of time to homestead and pre emption settlers on public lands, who have been compelled to abandon their claims by reason of the ravages of locusts, the memorial of the Texas Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific railroads praying congress to aid those companies in the construction of the roads, the *memorial of the national association of lumber men against the proposed reciprocity treaty between the United States and the British North American provinces* The following bills were introduced By Mr Ingalls—to authorize the secretary of war to ascertain the expenses incurred by Kansas in resisting the Indian invasion of 1874 referred to the committee on military affairs by Mr Lewis—providing that pensions on account of death wounds received or disease contracted in the service of the United States since March 4 1861 which have been granted or which shall hereafter be granted on application filed previous to Jan 1 1875 shall commence from the date of death or discharge also providing for the payment of arrears of pensions, referred by Mr Scott—amendatory of and supplementary to the act to incorporate the Texas Pacific railway company and to aid in the construction of its road etc Referred to the committee on railways Adjourned

HOUSE

The house took up the bill which was under consideration yesterday in reference to the railroad bridge at Omaha Action thereon was finally postponed to the second Tuesday in February The balance of the day's session was devoted to discussion of various portions of the President's message and District of Columbia affairs

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 10—Mr Hamilton introduced a joint resolution appointing George Bancroft a member of the board of regents to the Smithsonian institute, in place of General W T Sherman resigned Agreed to Mr Anthony from the committee on printing reported favorably on the house resolution to bind 100 copies of the revised statutes without index Passed Senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned till Monday

HOUSE

Bills introduced By Mr Whitthorne—directing the Freedman's Bank commissioners to declare an immediate dividend and to institute suit against the trustees officers and agents of the company with a view of holding them personally liable which was referred, by Mr Negley—a bill amendatory of the act for the construction of the St Louis bridge across the Mississippi river, Mr Swan from the committee on appropriations reported the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill appropriating $1,341 785, which was made the special order for the 23d inst Bills passed Appropriating $30 000 for postal expenses under the new newspaper law for the purchase of scales, with an amendment inviting bids for contract repealing the third section of the diplomatic appropriation bill The house in committee of the whole discussed the legal tender act at length The speaker announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on the committees On Arkansas affairs Scudder of New York judiciary Finck of Ohio, civil service reform Chittenden, of New York centennial Schell of New York, Indian pensions Strawbridge of Pennsylvania, education and labor and also on expenditures in the naval department Carpenter of South Carolina The speaker also announced that by the operation of the rule, Harmer succeeded to the chairmanship of the committee on District of Columbia instead of Hale, resigned Adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON Dec 11—The senate is not in session to day

HOUSE

Bills passed Senate bill for the appointment of George Bancroft to fill the vacancy in the board of regents of the Smithsonian institute the bill allowing homestead and pre emption settlers in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas whose crops were destroyed or injured by grasshoppers in 1874 to leave and be absent from their lands till May, 1876, without prejudice to their rights A resolution was adopted directing the arrest of Richard B Irwin, agent of the Pacific mail company, for contempt in failing to obey the summons of the ways and means committee in the matter of the investigation of the Pacific mail subsidy Adjourned

PROPOSALS.

Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River

HEADQUARTERS MIL DIV OF THE MISSOURI Office Chief Quartermaster CHICAGO, ILL, No 25 UNION BUILDING Dec 16, 74

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until and opened at 12 o clock m Friday January 15 1875 for the transportation of Government troops and supplies on the Missouri River, between Sioux City Iowa or Yankton D T (as principal starting point), and Fort Benton, M T, and separate proposals *will also be received for* transportation between Bismarck (at the N P R R crossing of Missouri River), or Fort Abraham Lincoln, D T as principal starting point and Fort Benton from March 20th to October 31st, 1875

Each proposal must be in duplicate and be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) executed in legal form by two or more responsible persons (certified as fully responsible by a Judge or Clerk of a United States District Court) guaranteeing that in case the contract is awarded to the person proposing, it will be accepted and entered into, and good sufficient security furnished immediately by him in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100 000) for the faithful fulfillment of the Contract

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids that may be offered

List of specifications and requirements for the information of bidders, form of contract to be entered into in case of award and form of proposal, can be had by application to this office, or to the offices of the Quartermaster's Department at St Louis Missouri, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, Omaha Nebraska or Sioux City, Iowa, and no bid will be entertained unless accompanied by, and based upon, the list of specifications and requirements and form of contract referred to

Moreover, no bid will be entertained, under any circumstances, unless the bidder is present in person, or by duly authorized agent or attorney at the opening of the bids, and is then and there prepared to show that he is fully able to carry out the contract in all respects if awarded to him

Proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River," and addressed to the undersigned

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Assistant Quartermaster General U S Army, Chief Quartermaster Mil Div of the Missouri

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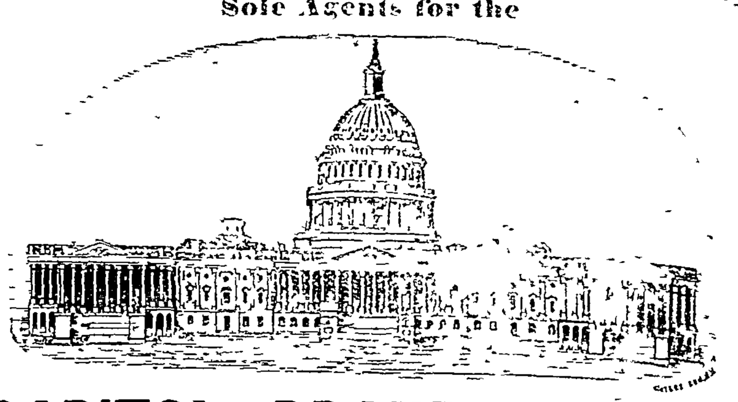

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

YANKTON, D T, Dec 3rd 1874

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Yankton D T, will be held at said Bank on Tuesday the 5th day of January, A D 1875, at 7½ o clock p m for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year

CHAS E SANBORN
Cashier

n16-30d

DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between S V Clevenger and A W Barber under the firm name of Clevenger & Barber is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

S V CLEVENGER,
A W BARBER

Yankton, D T, Dec 5, 1874

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 17, 1874

LOCAL MATTERS.

To Our Subscribers.

We dislike to begin our newspaper career in Dakota with so pointed a dun as this article contemplates, yet the necessity becomes more apparent as we progress in our investigation of the Press and Dakotaian list of patrons. We desire to give receipts in full to all in arrears on subscriptions and to take two dollars in advance for one year to come from those who wish to gather knowledge of the world's doings from one thousand eight hundred and seventy two columns of information which we shall place before the public during the next twelve months. We feel like making this an imperative call, first, because it is necessary for the new publishers to enter upon their work without the drawback of delinquent names, and, second, because Uncle Samuel has decreed that they must pay advance postage on their papers. These are our reasons for this suggestion and it seems to us that they admit of no argument. The only logical response will be an influx of dollars to offset indebtedness, past and prospective, and that we confidently look for. Subscribers can ascertain the date of the expiration of their paid subscriptions by reference to the printed figures on the labels which bear their addresses. Remittances are now in order.

Three pounds of good tea for $1 00 at Ketchum Bros

Eight pounds for $1 of splendid Sliced Dried Apples, at J A Kent's 2w

Another invoice of Russians arrived on Tuesday night over the Dakota Southern

Teas, teas, teas!—Largest stock, greatest varieties and lowest prices, at Ketchum Bros

The Dakota Southern R R Co will erect a brick machine shop in Yankton in the spring

The heaviest snow fall of the season came down upon us Tuesday night and Wednesday morning

A grist mill at Yankton, to be propelled by wind, is talked of by Loren Cheney, of Rock county Wisconsin

Business or local notices to insure insertion should be handed in as early Tuesday evening of each week

The plain facts are these, viz We sell all goods cheaper than any other house in the territory. Seeing is believing, call and be convinced at Ketchum Bros

The New England supper appointed for this evening has been postponed until Monday evening Dec 21st, the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers in 1620

Kansas and Nebraska lose a large proportion of their Russian emigrants, but when once they are brought under the influence of Dakota's attractions they fix up their tents to stay

The advent of winter does not tend to diminish building operations in Yankton. Carpenters and masons are busy from daylight until dark and houses are springing up in all parts of the city

A grey wolf trotted into town on Tuesday but trotted out again with a perceptible increase of speed as soon as the metropolitan aspect of the surroundings was made plain to his astonished vision

Books for subscription to the capital stock of the Yankton Mining and Smelting Company were opened at the office of the company over Mills & Purdy's drug store, on Tuesday the 15th. Adopting the language of newspaper men generally, "now is the time to subscribe"

The members of the Roman Catholic church in this city, will give a grand ball on New Years Eve, at Stone's Hall. The proceeds will be used to purchase lots on which to erect a new church edifice. Tickets for the ball, including supper, $2 50. Extensive preparations are being made to make this one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season

One of the interested parties in the Dawson and Burdick case, reported by the Vermillion correspondent of the Sioux City Journal and copied into the Press and Dakotaian a few weeks ago, has called to assure us that the article was not a fair statement of the facts, as the correspondent is himself interested on the other side. We know nothing of the case, but feel willing enough to give the aggrieved party the benefit of the doubt

The Sioux City *Journal* of the 11th inst. announces the arrival of J W Bense, of Watseka, Minn, at that point, direct from the Black Hills. Mr Bense remained but a short time in the Black Hill region, but his investigations there assure him of the existence of gold, in paying quantities, and he intends organizing a force and returning in the spring. He found the Sioux City party and other adventurers safe in camp at the Black Hills, and reports that they are meeting with flattering success

Representative McKay, holding a seat in the present house from Chas Mix county, was arrested on Saturday last, for complicity in the hanging of Hartert near White Swan, some three years ago, and is now confined in the Yankton county jail

McKay with a number of others, was indicted for murder, about 18 months since at a term of court in Bon Homme county

The contest for the seat held by him with Mr Hackett, of Bismarck, is now in progress, McKay attending the meetings of the committee on elections in charge of the sheriff

Canned and dried fruits, in great variety, also ground coffees and spices, baking powders and extracts, with a splendid stock of crackers to fill in, at low figures, at Ketchum Bros

Marked down for holiday trade—dress goods, prints, sheetings, flannels, and every thing else in the dry goods, notions and ribbon line, at Ketchum Bros

Friends, Romans, countrymen, attention!—C O D means call on *dad* to get stamps and buy your groceries cheap there with, at Ketchum Bros

Hats and caps, buck gloves and mittens, shirts and drawers, suspenders and cassimere shirts, are cheap, C O D, at Ketchum Bros

Flour, hams, dried beef, shoulders, salt, oat meal, or anything else you want in the grocery line, cheap for cash, at Ketchum Bros

Try our teas, put up in pound canisters, and don't forget to try the 3 pound tea for $1 00, at Ketchum Bros

Don't forget that we sell boots and shoes at lower prices than any other house in the city, at Ketchum Bros

Hurrah for Christmas!—Groceries of all kinds, at very low prices, until January 1st. Ketchum Bros

The best stock of smoking tobacco, plug tobaccos and killickinicks in the city, at Ketchum Bros.

MANUFACTURES.

A Few Words Upon a Subject of Vital Importance to Yankton

J AND J CAMPBELL

The above named gentlemen represent the only machine shop of which Yankton boasts. It is a small affair, to be sure, but it promises well for the future, provided the people of Yankton give to it the encouragement and support the enterprise deserves. The proprietors, both young men, are practical machinists, having been schooled to every department of their calling in the shops of England, and they are therefore competent to take charge of the construction of all mechanical combinations from a steam engine complete down to the simplest piece of mechanism. With so thorough a knowledge of the mysteries of their trade it will be strange indeed if they do not succeed in building up a business which will some day become the pride of Yankton. Their establishment is now represented by a machine shop and a small foundry, the former run by steam power, but they desire to add a foundry of suitable dimensions to meet the growing wants of this region. In the enterprise a little pecuniary aid would be invaluable. Capitalists can invest money in nothing more productive of sure returns, or more beneficial to the community at large, than the development of manufacturing interests. We therefore call their attention to the efforts of these industrious mechanics, recommending them as gentlemen in every way worthy of assistance. They contemplate entering upon the manufacture of wind grist mills and are now working out ideas of their own which they are confident will terminate successfully. Dakota is abundantly supplied with wind and it is free to all who possess the ingenuity to utilize it. In fact we have got to have it whether we want it or not, and if Messrs Campbell can subdue the prairie zephyrs to their uses they will succeed in demonstrating to the world that even Dakota blizzards are not made in vain

O H PLATT

In looking over Yankton's improvements the wagon and carriage manufactory of O H Platt was brought under brief inspection. Like the establishment above mentioned, Mr Platt's enterprise is yet in comparative infancy, only some four years having elapsed since he fashioned his first vehicle. Himself a practical mechanic, he has wrought well and with profit to himself, though brought into direct competition with the large factories of the east. His establishment is composed of wood shop, paint shop, and blacksmithing department, and the rough timber and iron which finds its way into his hands is readily transformed into handsome and durable carriages and wagons. A number of skillful workmen are employed by Mr Platt and it is safe to say that no eastern establishment can excel his work in quality. As the father of one of the solid industries of our prosperous city, the proprietor of this factory is worthy of all the encouragement which can be bestowed upon home enterprise. His is the foundation stone of a business which must succeed if Yankton succeeds, and that is assured beyond peradventure

MANUFACTURES IN GENERAL

It is obvious that we should enter gradually into manufacturing enterprises, even though our country is yet new and our city has only just crossed the threshhold of its career of prosperity. The experience of older localities teaches us this. For years to come, Yankton will be the common trading center of a large agricultural class, who will come here to exchange their products for the necessaries of life and through this source liberal contributions will be made to our advancement as a city. But in time railroads will penetrate into Dakota from all directions and new villages will spring up along their lines, which will draw from Yankton much of the commercial support it is to enjoy during the intervening years. Then it will occur that the manufacturing establishments we write of will supply the inevitable loss of the withdrawal of a portion of the rural patronage. They will bring within our limits a permanent population which will spend its money here. The articles manufactured will supply the constantly increasing wants of the large territory tributary to our city, and we shall continue to grow in wealth and population after the day of agricultural support has passed. To secure these manufactories small beginnings should be made now. Once started they will be self supporting and will multiply and increase in *size until the prosperity* of Yankton is fixed upon a basis so firm that it will remain unshaken by the periodical financial convulsions which now exercise so depressing an effect upon its business

The Interest Question.

A bill is now pending in the house reducing the rate of interest in Dakota from eighteen to twelve per cent per annum. Undoubtedly this measure is of as much importance to this territory as any which the legislature will consider at this session, and it must be admitted that the welfare and future prosperity of the territory will be greatly promoted by the enactment of the present house bill into a law. Our people are probably paying the larger part of each year's profits on their labor to eastern capitalists as interest on loans made under the present ruling rate of interest, and experience teaches that it is sucking the life blood out of our industries and paralyzing the improvement of our rural sections and the substantial growth of town and country. Our toil is enriching the eastern money lender alone, the products of our soil are sold only to replenish the pockets of modern shylocks mostly *non* residents, and while this exists Dakota cannot hope to progress in any of the elements which make up a prosperous community. The experiment of high rates of interest as an aid in building up Dakota and bringing wealth to her citizens has been thoroughly tried and has signally failed. It is time now to adopt a system in which the welfare of the borrower is considered

From Fort Thompson

Major H E Gregory sub agent at Fort Thompson, arrived in the city on Saturday evening, having left the fort on the 4th inst. Nearly all the Indians belonging on this side the river are at and near the agency, and are very quiet and comparatively comfortable. Those on the west side, whose agency is at Lower Brule, are more scattered. A partial census of the Indians who are in charge of Major Livingston, has been completed without difficulty, but the upper Sioux make serious objection to being numbered. By recent regulations adopted by the commissioner of Indian affairs, subsistence stores and other annuity goods are to be issued only to the actual number of Indians belonging to an agency, and it therefore becomes necessary to have the Indians numbered, which is being done as near as practicable. The rule heretofore has been to number them by lodges, each lodge counting six persons but it has been ascertained that by this method the number was largely over estimated. "Lo" has been sharp enough to pull the wool over the eyes of the agent by erecting a large number of temporary lodges whenever the time arrived for making the annual count, and has consequently been enabled to procure nearly double the amount of supplies to which he was entitled. This relic of civilization it is proposed to totally extinguish by the plan now adopted, of counting each and every son of the *forest together* with his squaws and papooses

C. Dale Armstrong

The course of literary entertainments promised by the Yankton Literary Association opened in excellent shape on Tuesday evening with readings and exhibitions of ventriloquism by C Dale Armstrong, of Evanston, Ill. Mr Armstrong is a young man but his marked success in entertaining his audience on Tuesday night is ample evidence of his capacities as a reader and ventriloquist. *In the latter specialty* he is particularly superior, while his rendition of difficult selections from various authors is indicative of good natural abilities and careful training. As the course of the Literary Association starts off with such pleasing success, we cannot but expect that its future contributions will be deserving of a generous public patronage.

PERSONAL.

W H L Owens and wife, of the Clay County Register, called on Saturday

J Boughton, of this city, is preparing to enter upon the practice of law in Yankton

J S Meckling, general superintendent of the Dakota Southern, was in town this week

We acknowledge a pleasant call, on Friday, from E B Crew, grand master of the State Grange

A S Jones, of Olivet, territorial auditor elect, held down one of our sanctum chairs a half hour on Monday

Daniel Scott of the Sioux City Journal, was visible within the Press and Dakotaian sanctum on Tuesday forenoon

Hon F W Pettigrew, of Sioux Falls, formerly a Dakota legislator, was one of Monday's callers at the Press and Dakotaian office

The Madison, (Wis) Journal acknowledges a call from O B Orton, of Yankton, who is enjoying the hospitalities of Badgerdom

Hon John Lawrence, of the council, has been confined to his room since Sunday last, owing to severe illness, but is now convalescing

James K Cary, deputy patriarch national division of the Sons of Temperance, who is doing vigorous temperance work in the territory, called at the Press and Dakotaian office last week

Hon W K Hollenbeck, collector of internal revenue for the district of Dakota, residing at Finlay, Turner county, and Hon G P Bennett, assistant collector, of Elk Point, were in Yankton on Tuesday, visiting the legislature. They also paid their respects to this office

Hon B E Wood, of Bon Homme county, is in the city. He has given notice that he will contest the seat now occupied by Hon Benton Fraley in the council. Mr Wood was in the first territorial legislature in 1862 as a member of the House from Clay county, and was also a representative from Bon Homme and Hutchinson in 1872–3

From the Boscobel, (Wis) Dial, we clip the following notice of a gentleman who has recently come among us

Capt Robert Monteith passed through this city one day last week on his way to Fennimore, where he put in a day or two with his relatives before leaving the State for Dakota. The Captain was a resident of this place for several years and made many friends and acquaintances in this county. He was Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of State at Madison, from 1868 till 1873, since which time he has held the position of United States gauger, at Madison. He has recently resigned the latter office, and with his family on Monday last, left for Yankton, Dakota, where he has accepted a position in the office of W P Dewey, Surveyor General of that Territory

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Organization of the Grand Division of Dakota

Thursday evening Dec 10 1874, under a call from D M W P James K Cary delegates from the various Divisions of Sons of Temperance in Dakota assembled in Fuller's Hall, Yankton for the purpose of being organized into the Grand Division of Dakota

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Cary, who appointed Wm L H Owens Grand Scribe pro tem

The following delegates were present or vouched for

Vermillion Division, No 1—H J Austin P W P, Wm L H Owens W P

Springfield Division No 2—R T Wood P W P, Geo W Sterling W P

Bon Homme Division No 3—David DeVol W P

Elk Point Division No 4—Alexander Hughes P W P, Rev J P Coffman W P

Yankton Division No 5—H H Smith W P

Lodi Division No 6—E B Crew, W P

Sioux Falls Division No 7—J A Sherman, W P [vouched for]

Canton Division, No 8—Geo P Keeler W P

And each paid the initiation fee $2. the charter fee, $20, was then paid to the Deputy, and the obligation being administered the delegates were properly instructed and the Grand Division was declared duly constituted

The election of officers being next in order, Bro Coffman nominated Bro A Hughes for G W P

Seconded by Bro Keeler

Bro Hughes nominated Bro Keeler

There being no further nominations, a ballot was taken which resulted as follows. Hughes 7 Keeler 2

The following officers were then elected without opposition

George W Sterling G W A

Wm L H Owens Grand Scribe

H H Smith G T

Rev J P Coffman G Chap

Geo P Keeler, G Con

E B Crew G Sentinel

The G W P was then installed into his office by the Deputy after which he favored the Grand Division with a speech in which he announced his determination to do all in his power to advance the interests of the Division, and to promote the cause of temperance

Bro DeVol was appointed P G W P

The other officers were then installed in a body, and assumed their respective stations

Bro Keeler moved that the constitution be referred to a committee of three

Carried and Bros Keeler, Coffman and Wood appointed as such committee

Bro Crew moved that the matter of finance be referred to a committee of three

Carried, and Bros Crew Austin and Sterling were appointed as such committee

The Committee on Constitution then reported—

1 This body shall be known as the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the Territory of Dakota

2 Amend Rule III so as to provide for an annual session on the 2d Wednesday in November, and a semi annual session on the 2d Wednesday in May of each year

3 Amend Rule XV so as to make the charter fee twelve dollars *for Subordinate Divisions*

The report was taken up by sections

Section 1 was adopted

After some debate Section 2 was amended by substituting 1st Wednesday in November and the section thus amended, was adopted

Section 3 was adopted

The following additional rule was then offered by the Grand Scribe

Rule XXV. There shall be no distinction as to sex in the membership of this Grand Division or the Subordinate Divisions of this Territory

Carried

Moved and seconded that the constitution prescribed by the National Division be adopted as amended. Carried

The Committee on Finance reported

Your committee beg leave to report as follows. That the per capita tax be fixed at 7 cents per quarter, that the Grand Scribe be paid five dollars per month. that the initiation fee into this Grand Division be fixed at two dollars. Adopted

Bro Coffman moved that the annual meeting be held at Elk Point

Bro Crew moved that Vermillion be the place

Bro Austin seconded the motion

Bro Smith moved that Yankton be designated. Seconded by Bro Sterling, and being put to vote this motion prevailed

Bro Crew moved that Vermillion be designated as the place for holding the semi annual session. Seconded by Bro Wood

Bro Coffman suggested Elk Point

The vote being taken resulted in the selection of Vermillion

The deputy offered to leave six sets of books he had received from the National Division, on condition that this Grand Division receipt *for the* same and pay the express charges two dollars

Bro Austin moved that the offer be accepted. Seconded by Bro Wood and carried

Bro Coffman moved that a committee of three on by laws be appointed, to report at the semi annual session

Carried and Bros Coffman Smith, and Owens were appointed on such committee

The matter of procuring a seal was left to the G W P and G Scribe

Bro Austin said that the Vermillion Division would entertain the visitors and delegates

The thanks of this Grand Division were tendered to the D M W P by a rising vote and Bro Cary responded in a happy speech saying that his success in Dakota was beyond his expectations. that the National Division might well be proud of its young auxiliary in Dakota. He also suggested that much good might be done by the subordinate Divisions having open meetings, and hoped the delegates present would call attention to this matter

The G W P then invited remarks from delegates on the condition of their respective Divisions, which was responded to as the numbers were called showing that the interest incited was not likely to die out soon

Moved and seconded that this Grand Division adopt as its motto "Dakota for Temperance." Carried

On motion it was resolved that the Grand Scribe be instructed to furnish the papers with the proceedings, requesting the publication of the same

There being no further business, the Grand Division adjourned to meet in Vermillion on the second Wednesday *in May*, 1875 the hour to be designated by the Grand Worthy Patriarch

ALEXANDER HUGHES, G W P

WM L H OWENS, G Scribe

The St. Charles

The Springfield Times of the 10th inst contains the following well deserved notice of the St Charles hotel, in this city, under the management of Mr Ross

It is rapidly filling up with permanent and transient guests, and its reputation as a first class house stands higher to day than it ever has before. The elegance of its well furnished apartments, the politeness and attentiveness of its host, Mr Ross, and his assistants, the abundance of the well prepared food spread upon its tables—all elicit universal commendation from all its patrons

Saengerbund Ball

A grand ball will be given on Christmas night under the auspices of the Yankton Saengerbund Society. The affair will be one of the finest of the season, and no pains will be spared to make it superior to any social entertainment yet given to the people of Dakota

New Year's Cards.

We shall be prepared to supply New Year's callers with a variety of new and unique designs for cards. w 3w

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

What the Excelsior Mill Company is Doing Towards the Production of the Staff of Life

A visit to the mill and elevator of the Excelsior Mill Company, in this city, moves us to make a few remarks upon the subject of an enterprise so important to the interests of Yankton. The mill building itself is a roomy stone structure, and contains four run of stone, besides the latest and best appliances for converting wheat into flour. Dakota wheat has achieved a reputation in the markets of the world for the superiority of its flour, and no small share of this popularity is due to the efforts of the Excelsior Mill Company. Its flour sells readily in Chicago for a dollar and a half more per barrel than the best St Louis winter wheat flour, owing to the quality of the grain employed and the perfection attained in its manufacture. Gov Pennington, in his late message, says

Our climate and soil enables us to produce wheat which makes a flour that is unsurpassed in the markets of the world, and already has Dakota flour attained such a reputation for superior excellence, in the eastern markets, that it commands a much higher price than any other brand, if we except possibly that made from Minnesota wheat, and notwithstanding the rapid growth of our population and the increased production of wheat, it is impossible to supply the demand

Some two years ago the Excelsior Mill Company completed its present mill building, placed therein a steam engine of sufficient power to run the complicated machinery, and have since been turning out their superior brands of flour at the rate of one hundred and twenty five barrels per day. They obtain a ready market for their mill products, and are flourishing, as all good enterprises should flourish

The company has just added to its grain handling facilities by the erection of a brick fire proof elevator, having a capacity of 30,000 bushels of grain. This also is a handsome structure—an ornament to the city—and is one of the enduring monuments of our prosperity. It is supplied with all the modern devices for handling and storing grain, and its completion will add materially to the commercial facilities of Yankton. The new elevator is so nearly completed that it can be put into operation at any time, and its projectors and proprietors flatter themselves that they are now in shape to receive and send off the products of Dakota's rich acres, with the facility which the rapid improvement of our country demands

These improvements made by the Excelsior Mill Company, are evidences of the prosperity of Yankton. Nowhere in the east are there more complete appliances for receiving and sending off grain than here. The necessity which prompted their construction is indicative of a healthy progress, and Yankton can lay to its corporate soul the flattering unction that it is old beyond its years in the solid improvements of our progressive civilization

The Sioux City Abortion Case

Sioux City is excited this week over an alleged abortion case, whereby Mrs H S Townsley is said to have met her death. The suspicious circumstances attending her death induced an investigation by the authorities, the body was exhumed and an inquest held. As Mrs T was well known in Yankton, we give the finding of the jury, the coroner's return, and a statement of the arrest of Dr Bailey, taken from the Sioux City Journal of the 13th inst

VERDICT OF THE JURY

STATE OF IOWA, }
Woodbury County } ss

An inquisition holden at Sioux City, Iowa, in Woodbury county, on the 10th and 11th days of December, A D 1874, before A J Weeks, coroner of the said county, upon the body of Mrs H S Townsley, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said Mrs H S Townsley came to her death on the 2d day of December, 1874 from the effect of child bed fever, that the fever was caused by an abortion brought on by her own hands, with an instrument that the instrument was given to her by some person unknown to us, but think the instrument was given to her by Dr J Bailey, with instructions how to use it with the *intention of producing an abortion*

In testimony whereof the said jurors have heretofore set their hands the 12th day of December, 1874

H B RICE,
N L WITCHER,
ANDREW FORBES,
Jurors

Attest
A J WEEKS, Coroner

THE CORONER'S RETURN

STATE OF IOWA, }
Woodbury County. } ss

I, A J Weeks, coroner of said county, do hereby certify and return that on the 8th day of December, 1874, I was informed that one Mrs H S Townsley died, or supposed to have died, by unlawful means, and it was necessary to hold an inquest on the dead body of the said person, that upon investigation I ascertained that there were some suspicious circumstances connected with the death of said person. that on the 10th day of December, 1874, I issued a warrant for a coroner's jury of three electors of said county, to appear at the office of Basil Shinski, in Sioux City, Iowa, that the following persons were summoned and appeared, and were sworn to hold an inquest upon said dead body of Mrs H S Townsley, that I proceeded with the examination of witnesses in the presence and hearing of said jury to wit N L Witcher, A Forbes and H B Rice, that said examination continued from day to day until the 12th day of December, 1874, when the same was concluded. that said jurors having heard all the testimony introduced, and having viewed said body and heard the testimony of the physicians whom I ordered to make a *post mortem* examination on said body, did, on said 12th of December, 1874, return their verdict in writing to me, that I caused all the testimony to be reduced to writing and subscribed by the witnesses. And I do further certify that the minutes of said examination hereto attached are in all respects true

Witness my hand this 12th day of December, 1874 A J WEEKS,
Coroner Woodbury County

ARREST OF DR BAILEY

Under an order issued by coroner Weeks, founded upon the finding of the jury, Justice Shinski last evening issued a warrant for the arrest of Dr Bailey, who was brought into court. He waived a preliminary hearing and was admitted to bail in the sum of $3 000 for his appearance at the next regular term of district court of Woodbury county, Messrs Judge Allison, Fred T Evans, W A Eliot and John Pierce becoming his sureties. Dr Bailey has retained Judge Pendleton and B J Chase as attorneys. Mr Townsley has since been arrested and placed under bonds

Drowned in the Missouri

A telegram received by U S Marshal Burdick, on Wednesday, brought the sad intelligence of an accident which has deprived the territory of the lives and services of Deputy Marshal Miller and Sheriff McCarty. They were both drowned, on Saturday, while crossing the Missouri river on the ice just below Bismarck. The sleigh and bodies are yet in the river and it will be exceedingly difficult to recover them. Both of these gentlemen were well known in Yankton and were held in high esteem. Mr McCarty, familiarly known as "Charley," was several times a member of the legislature

Another Black Hills Movement

By a private letter received by Dr Joel A Potter, of this city, bearing date Dec 6th, we learn that "Maj H W Bingham, United States agent at the Cheyenne agency, left that point on the 6th with a large party to overtake a party of whites that are on their way to the Black Hills"

The members of the Catholic congregation of Yankton will give a public ball on New Years' eve, the proceeds to be applied on the purchase of lots for a site for a new Catholic church 4w

Hard Coal of the best quality, for sale at Sylvester & Folyer's coal house on the levee, or delivered to order. Blacksmith's coal and soft coal also supplied tf

Board.—A few boarders can be accommodated either with or without rooms at Mrs E Boughton's, corner Second and Linn streets tf

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Doll heads and bodies in wax, china, paper and rubber, toy tea sets cheapest to most beautiful. Sleighs, carts, wheelbarrows, drums, &c. Accordeons, banks carts, dogs, elephants, fishes, guns, horns, ivory goods, jumping jacks, kaleidescopes, lobsters, mechanical toys, Noah's arks, object teachers puzzles, quadrupeds, riders, snakes, toolchests, velocipedes, whistles, &c willow ware, work stands, baskets of all kinds, reticules cradles cribs, and all that sort of thing. Alphabet, acrobat, architectural building, kindergarden and masquerade blocks

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The Elk Pointers Try to Make it Pleasant for Mr Sheafe

[From the Courier]

Alex Hughes, J A Wallace, C F Millahan, John Guthrie and a number more of our citizens have gone to Yankton to see the sights and avail themselves of the hospitality of our townsman, councilman Sheafe. He insisted to the last moment that he was a gentleman, a democrat, an honest man, and was the possessor of some other virtues, while they were Republicans, and tried to defeat him for the position, and that he did not want such an "infernal" crowd around him, but they went all the same, and knowing his goodness of heart we have no doubt that they are now comfortably housed at the "Merchants" with instructions from Sheafe to the clerk to charge their bills to him, and not let them get into the "calaboose". We would give notice that as soon as they get home another grist of us will go up, so he can govern himself accordingly

Mr Sheafe, though a democrat, and one of the unterrified three in the council, is a humane gentleman, and will not see his constituents suffer for the necessaries of life so long as the Merchants holds out

Designs on the Black Hills

[From the Springfield Times]

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at the United States land office in Springfield, on the evening of December 5th. L C Palmer called the house to order, and after *stating the object of the meeting*, A F McAuley was elected chairman, and Ed J Robinson secretary. Several plans of organization were presented, and remarks made by L C Palmer, C L Young, H E Bonesteel and others. Geo W Sterling addressed the meeting at length, stated that companies were being organized at other points, that Springfield is unquestionably situated upon the only direct route to the new eldorado, that no doubt congress will enact laws the coming winter to allow white men to enter that country and develop its yet hidden resources and that this organization can be a nucleus around which can gather in the early spring a large number of miners and others bound to penetrate the country, and solve the problem that gold can be found in large *and paying quantities*. The meeting appointed a committee to work up definite plans of association, consisting of Messrs J L Turner, G W Sterling, L D F Poore, L C Palmer and John Fry, and adjourned to meet on the 12th inst

Working His Passage.

The Cedar County Advocate, published at St Helena, says

An old gentleman, upwards of 60 years old, passed through our town one day last week en route for Yankton, where he has friends whom he contemplated visiting. He was from Seline county, Missouri, and made the trip on foot in three weeks. Pretty good walking for an old man

Yankton Quintette Band.

Mr Wm Nelson has organized a string band numbering five musicians, and tenders his services to the public for balls, parties, festivals, etc. Orders left at Potter & Wood's jewelry store, or at the Eagle House, will meet with prompt attention. Mr Nelson will also give instruction on the violin to a few scholars. Terms moderate. Apply as above directed tf

Black Hills.

Fort Sully, D T Dec 14.—A party of Indians came in from Spotted Tail's camp to day and reported that they saw the party of miners that the soldiers recently started out to overhaul. The miners had reached the Black Hills. The soldiers have not been heard from here, and the Indians say they saw nothing of them

Dry Wood! The subscriber has established a wood-yard beside the Smithsonian Hotel where he will keep on hand the best quality of dry cottonwood, which he will deliver at any place in the city at $4 50 per cord. Wood sawed twice in two, one dollar extra, delivered. 1000 cords on hand, cut one year ago. Leave orders at H H Smith's

15tf W H FERGUSON

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

A Short Postponement of the Fifth Gift Concert.

As manager of the gift concerts given in aid of the Public Library of Kentucky, my position creates an important trust in behalf of the Public Library and the ticket holders of the fifth gift concert. The Public Library of Kentucky and the ticket holders are jointly interested in the amount of the drawing. The larger the fund to be distributed in gifts the greater will be the gift awarded to each lucky ticket-holder and the more the amount realized by the Library. To have a full drawing is so manifestly to the interest of those interested that, rather than have a fractional drawing on the 30th inst, I deem it due to the trust confided to me by the ticket holders and the Public Library of Kentucky that a short postponement be made to enable me to dispose of the unsold tickets and have a full drawing. Though the very large amount now in bank would enable us to distribute handsome gifts, yet we should feel disappointed in this our last concert, should we be compelled to make a fractional drawing, however large

We have received so very large a number of letters from all parts of the country from those most largely interested, urging a postponement if all the tickets be not sold by the 30th, that we feel strengthened in our sense of duty to the ticket holders and the Public Library, to make the postponement. Under the circumstances, we have determined in the interest of all parties to postpone the concert and drawing to Saturday February 27, 1875 at which time the drawing will positively take place and as a guarantee of good faith toward ticket-holders, we pledge ourselves to refund to any ticket holder *his* money, upon presentation of his ticket should the drawing fail to come off at the day now fixed. The past, we feel assured will be sufficient guarantee to all interested that they will be fairly and honestly dealt with. The money paid for tickets is sacredly *preserved against all contingencies* until after the payment of the gifts, after which the expenses are to be reimbursed and the Public Library is to be paid its profits

THOS E BRAMLETTE,
Nov 29 1874 [n3*] Agent and Manager

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Yankton, D T, Dec 17, 1874. If not called for in 10 days, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office

Anderson Mrs Lena	McDermot Etta
Burman Fritz	McGregor Alexander
Baker John	McCormic Geo
Davis W H	Miller Ben
Dahl K A	Miller Christian
Danilson Miss Carey	Maller C F—2
Dunne John	Nolan Edward
Fuders Isaac	Norman Margret
Gjile Ole	Lezac Joseph
Hover Charles	Shearer Cornelius
Jynkman Miss Katrine	Sailer Andreas
Lien John Iverson	Simerson J M
Johnston James	Smith W B C
James Mrs Emily	Stevens Gorham
Jonson C P	Stafford Wm N
Johnson Martin	Sonnenberg
Latimore Mrs Martha	Welby T J—2
Lugan P	Undeerwood Hamilton
Kolberg Jens	Tetter Anna H
McCeely D	

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n3 tf YANKTON, D. T.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered issued out of the office of Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court, within and for Yankton County and Territory of Dakota, upon a judgment rendered in said Court, wherein John Treadway was plaintiff and S L Spink was defendant, I did on this 18th day of November 1874, proceed to levy upon the following described property, real estate of said S L Spink situated in Yankton county, D T, to wit Lot four (4) in block seven (7) in southwest quarter (sw ¼) of southeast quarter (se ¼) of section twelve (12,) in township ninety three (93) of range fifty six (56,) and lot four (4) in block (4) in southwest quarter (sw ¼) of southwest quarter (sw ¼) of section seven (7) in township ninety three (93) of range fifty five (55) and sixteen lots in block forty (40) Witherspoon's Yankton, to wit Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 and that I shall on Wednesday, the 30th day of December, 1874, at the hour of 2 o clock, p m of said day, at the front door of the Court Room of the Second Judicial District Court, proceed to sell all the right, title and interest of the said defendant, Spink, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment amounting to five hundred and ninety one 25 100 ($591 25) dollars with interest thereon from the 20th day of October, 1874, at the rate of seven per cent per annum together with all accruing costs of sale, at public auction for cash

L W CASE,
Sheriff of Yankton county, D T

Moody & Cramer, Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated at Yankton, D T, this 18th day of November, 1874. 15-5w

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 17, 1874

YANKTON.

Truthful Words of a Newspaper Correspondent.

[From a Chicago Tribune Letter]

YANKTON, D. T, Dec 2, '74

Perhaps a few items from this, the capital city of Dakota, may not be uninteresting to the readers of the *Tribune* Its rapid growth and natural advantages give promise that, in the near future, it is destined to become one of the wealthiest and most populous cities of the Northwest, and the metropolis of the State of Dakota that is to be Yankton is far more prosperous than many cities of greater age, and for many reasons It occupies a commanding position on the Missouri River, about 65 miles west of Sioux City What has often been said of Washington is, in a great measure, true of Yankton It is a "city of magnificent distances" There is an abundance of building-room, and those who, at an early day, laid out the town-site, seemed to realize this fact, by laying out broad streets, and their successors have thus far shown no desire to interfere with this wise precedent. Narrow streets and alleys are an abomination to any city, and the prospect is, that Yankton will not suffer, in this respect at least, as long as there is such an abundance of land

The town, especially since the Dakota Southern Railroad has had its terminus here, which is now nearly two years, has progressed with rapid strides Real estate has advanced, and all the departments of trade have been stimulated into a more vigorous and healthy growth Improvements have been rapidly carried on,—of a character, too, which would do credit to more pretentious towns, and the citizens realize the fact that a new era of prosperity has dawned upon the city of their choice The vacant places are rapidly filling up with substantial and convenient business blocks and warehouses, and the bluffs overlooking the city are becoming dotted with residences, many of them elegant and costly It is estimated that, during the past season, at least $300,000 has been expended in various improvements,—a very creditable showing when we consider that Yankton is a town of only about 4,000 inhabitants, and that among her citizens there are but few who can be designated as wealthy men. This is also the point from which most of the Government and Indian supplies are shipped to the different posts and agencies along the Upper Missouri, and this is a valuable acquisition to our business The Northwestern Transportation Company, whose headquarters are here, have expended some $4,000 the past season in constructing ways, and hereafter all repairs upon their boats will be made here The Company is composed of energetic and thorough business-men, and is doing much to enhance the prosperity of our young city

Nor is Yankton forgetful of those other interests which are an index to the refinement and culture of its people. A little over a year ago the ladies made a vow that Yankton should no longer be without a public library, and at once began the good work of organizing a Library Association, which has been duly incorporated The Association now occupy an elegant suite of rooms, and the library contains some 1,500 volumes, with several hundred dollars in the treasury The undertaking has every evidence of permanent success and vigorous growth; and, if the success of the future can be measured by that of the past, in a few years, at most, our city will have a library that will be of great value But, while speaking of the ladies, we must not forget the Young Men's Literary Association, whose weekly meetings are held in the Academy These meetings are well attended, and, in the main, very interesting The order of exercises consists of a debate, music, essays, and select readings Though only in its second year, the Association is in a very vigorous and flourishing condition, and promises to be one of our permanent institutions Several lectures have been given under the auspices of the club, by such eminent speakers as Matilda Fletcher and Col Sanford, who have always been greeted by large and appreciative audiences A course of lectures will shortly commence,—the opening one by Dale Armstrong, of your city

Much has been written concerning the amount of damage done by the grasshoppers during the past season, and many erroneous statements have been made It is true that, in some sections of the Territory, the crops were badly damaged, and, in a few instances, entirely destroyed Yet it is nevertheless untrue that starvation is staring us in the face Dakota has "bread, and to spare"

Secretary Bristow's Report

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury to Congress recapitulates the transactions attending the refunding of the debt, that successful bidders have taken up all firm bids and hold options for the rest until Feb 1 The sinking fund is over $20,000,000 behind The Secretary not only takes strong ground in favor of specie payment, but sets forth a definite plan for reaching the same. He recommends the repeal of the legal tender act at a fixed day As to contracts thereafter made, and except as to official salaries and ordinary expenditures of the government under existing appropriations, the Secretary recommends that authority be given for the immediate issue of convertible bonds, bearing a low rate of interest. He asks that a day may be fixed for the resumption of specie payment, not more remote than three years, at the end of that time the Secretary to be authorized to raise gold by selling bonds to such amounts as may become necessary, from time to time, to keep the treasury in condition to redeem greenbacks as presented It is recommended that fractional currency be replaced by silver, and to accomplish this the Secretary desires to set all the mints at work coining silver, and that as rapidly as it is produced the fractional currency be recalled and destroyed, beginning with the smallest denominations. The Secretary also asks that the coinage of gold be made free in the United States as it is in London, in order to prevent the exportation of bullion for coinage In regard to printing all varieties of government notes, bonds and stamps, the Secretary recommends that the whole be done exclusively at the Treasury Department Government has all the necessary machinery, obtained at great cost, and all the needed facilities It can perform the work at the same, or less, cost than private firms, when the cost of transportation by express is considered. Aside from these minor considerations, the Secretary regards the question of safety as one which should control. At the end of the present contracts, or as soon as they can be legally terminated, he recommends that all the work of this nature be performed in the printing division of the Treasury.

The Secretary recommends free banking as part of the plan for the resumption of specie payments, and this branch of the subject is not elaborated

Concerning internal revenue, the Secretary recommends that the tax be taken off bank checks, matches, cosmetics, and drugs and to meet this loss an additional tax of ten cents per gallon be imposed on whisky This will raise the revenue a little greater than is now received from the articles enumerated The practical workings of putting tea and coffee on the free list have been fully examined by the Treasury Department Carefully prepared tables of prices in foreign markets and prices to consumers for a period subsequent to the taking off of the tax shows that while the country lost from $6,000,000 to $12,000,000 from the decrease of revenue on this account, the removal of the tax simply added to the price in foreign markets and has not benefited consumers here in the least. The Secretary recommends the restoration of the tax

The attention of Congress is called to the great danger of the revenue attending all attempts to modify the penalties which have heretofore existed, and which the Treasury has sought to enforce The Secretary is no believer in the system of moieties, and does not desire its restoration in any shape, but he expresses serious doubt whether any benefit has followed certain modifications of penalties for the violation of customs regulations

The Secretary does not regard the Treasury Department as a proper place for the adjudication of cotton cases These are for the most part of a complicated character, require the taking of much evidence and a judicial investigation He therefore recommends that all cotton cases be withdrawn at once from the jurisdiction of the Treasury and turned over to the courts.

Upon the question of tariff the Secretary, without entering upon much discussion, says at present it is only necessary to treat it purely as a question of revenue, and not one either of protection or free trade In the interest of business he does not think changes should be hastily made, and if Congress desires to revise the present rates, he recommends that a commission be appointed to take the whole subject into consideration, with instructions to report to the next Congress

Great economy is recommended in the expenditures for public buildings The Secretary recommends that Congress go over the appropriations and estimates for these works with great care, with a view of reducing some, and wholly suspending others He expresses the belief that the needs of the government do not require such elaborate and costly structures as have of late been erected, but that plainer, and at the same time substantial, buildings will answer every purpose, and save many millions. He thinks there is needless extravagance in furnishing public buildings, and that much greater economy should be practiced in all directions in this matter He has transmitted the estimates, which have already been carefully revised, but he earnestly requests Congress to unite with him in scanning them still more closely, with a view to their further reduction

The force of the department has been reorganized and diminished exactly in accordance with the laws and appropriations of last session, but the Secretary thinks the lowest limit of economy consistent with prompt and efficient performance of public business has not yet been reached

As to all plans for increasing the public indebtedness by aiding private enterprises of any kind, the Secretary does not believe the present condition of the government justifies extending aid in any form

New York Herald, December 6th

Mayor Havemeyer's Funeral.

As the late Mr Havemeyer was the first Mayor of New York who died in office his funeral was an event as imposing as it was unprecedented The manner of his death was also unusual, and, so far as the effect upon the public was concerned, dramatic There was no warning, but in a moment, even at the time that he was being prosecuted in court, he was smitten by the hand of Providence Men of different parties were wroth with him, his administration had been censured, and even his removal had been recently asked for from the Governor Suddenly the man who was the central figure of all this conflict fell and the battle fell with him There is something impressively solemn in the hush after the storm, the instant vanishing of passions in the presence of death

Yesterday, this magistrate of the metropolis, who died literally in the performance of his official duties, was carried to the grave amid the sorrows of all our citizens Of the ceremonies at his late residence and at the church of St Paul's, of the funeral procession through the heart of the city, in which all the government departments, the commercial associations and the military were represented, and in which many of our best citizens took a leading part, we publish a complete account elsewhere With solemn music and draped flags, before thousands of people crowding the streets, his remains were borne to Greenwood cemetery What a contrast between the living and the dead! What a change in one brief week! The moral is not hard to read, and it is one which all public servants might profitably study William F Havemeyer was thus honored not merely because he had been Mayor, but because he had been upright in the discharge of his duties The single virtue of incorruptible honesty in the eyes of the people redeemed all his faults

Jay Cook's Utter Bankruptcy.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 1—The first meeting of the creditors of Jay Cooke & Co was held to-day, when the report of the trustees was submitted The committee have decided to revoke the order for a dividend to be made the 8th of May, as $491,515 is all that is strictly applicable at the present stage of the proceedings for cash dividends The precise amount of claims against the estate cannot definitely be ascertained until the determination of the exceptions have been taken to several larger claims Mr Miller says if the claims preferred against the individual members of the firm are proven, there will hardly be anything left for the creditors of the firm During the conference between the committee and the creditors the best of order prevailed These meetings will be held daily.

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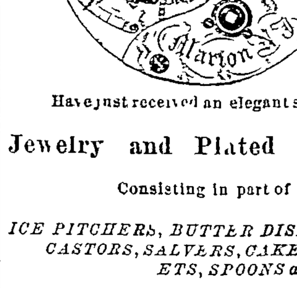

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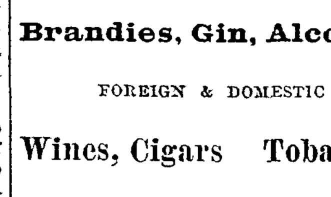

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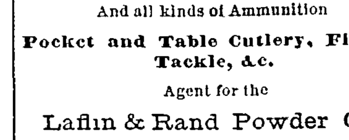

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TRAINS MOVING WEST PASSENGER No 1	STATIONS	TRAINS MOVING EAST PASSENGER No 2
2 00 p m Leave	†SIOUX CITY	11 10 a m Arrive
2 25	McCOOK	10 42
2 43	JEFFERSON	10 27
3 09	†ELK POINT	10 02
3 22	BURBANK	9 37
3 55	†VERMILLION	9 19
4 17	MECKLING	8 53
4 46	GAYVILLE	8 31
4 51	*JAMES RIVER	8 18
5 07	SHOPS	8 03
5 10 Arrive	†YANKTON	8 00 Leave

*Flag Stations †Telegraph Stations

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Leave St Paul		8 00 A M
Yankton	7 10 A M	
Sioux City	2 00 P M	10 00 P M
Arrive Sergeant's Bluff	2 18	10 00
Salix	2 28	11 15
Sloan	2 50	11 45
Whiting	3 12	12 20 A M
Onawa	3 30	1 00
Blencoe	3 50	1 35
River Sioux	4 10	2 15
Mondamin	4 30	2 55
Modale	4 50	3 25
California Junction	5 03	3 45
Missouri Valley	5 20	4 10
Chicago	3 15 P M	6 30 A M
Council Bluffs	10 20	5 30
St Louis		6 15
Leave Chicago	10 15 A M	10 15 P M
St Louis		9 45
Arrive Sioux City	11 50 P M	4 50 A M

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S C & Pacific Passenger	m	11 00 a m
Passenger	m	m
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Night Express	m	5 12 p m
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MISCELLANEOUS.

The Winnebagoes in Nebraska

Congress, some two years ago, appropriated $25,000 to secure the removal of the nomadic Winnebagoes of Wisconsin to some Indian reservation Several months were required to discover a location for them, and to find a tribe that would accept them as associates When both these objects were secured, a show of federal bayonets was found necessary to convince the Winnebagoes that the government meant something, and that the people of Wisconsin were tired of their thieving ways Taylor Bradley, United States Indian agent of Nebraska, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior, tells what has come of this removal Mr Bradley says

"That portion of the tribe known as the Wisconsin Winnebagoes, who were removed here last winter, have been the means of retarding civilization in the tribe to a very great extent From the moment of their arrival, they set up the cry of dissatisfaction, and have kept it up until they have unsettled and demoralized a number of the young men of the reservation, or Nebraska Indians, who previously had taken some steps toward industry and self-support, and have induced seventeen of these to return with them to Wisconsin More than one half of the Wisconsin Indians removed here last winter, have returned to that State within the last four months

On the 19th day of the last fifth month, I received notice that a special agent, in the person of D H Bon, had been appointed to aid me in retarding these Indians upon their reservation, and to provide for their comfort, and also to assist me in advancing them in the arts of civilization A quantity of clothing, blankets, shoes, etc, had been provided by the department for their benefit, which the larger portion of the Indians refused to accept, claiming that they had been promised much more Special agent Bon urged the necessity of issuing the goods to those who are willing to remain, in order to make them the better contented I reluctantly consented (knowing their infidelity), and the result is that many who received goods have left the reservation, notwithstanding all our efforts to retain them A portion of the Wisconsin Indians who were removed are working on their lands, doing what they can with the means at hand towards making homes for themselves, and they deserve the favor of the government

Previous to my assuming charge here, a number of Winnebagoes from Minnesota, mostly half-bloods who had become citizens and received their proportion of the tribal fund, had come among the tribe Their influence with Indians was bad I frequently, requested them to leave, without effect I then notified the department of their unlawful presence here, and received authority to have them removed, which I have done, and hope now to be able to keep clear of their contaminating influence

It is my opinion that, if the Winnebago Indians are kept under the care of some religious denomination that will direct and protect them in a straightforward course, the time is not far distant when they will be self-sustaining and independent I do not think it would be wise to citizenize them, a few might prosper under such an arrangement, but the greater number would squander their property and become paupers and vagrants I believe there is now great reason for encouragement, and if they can be kept under the proper influences, and guided and directed by honest officers, that the time will soon come when they will be a prosperous and happy people"

New York World

The New Treasury Architect

Mr John McArthur, Jr, probable successor of A B Mullett as Supervising Architect for the General Government, is a thorough Philadelphian, having studied his profession chiefly in that city, and practised it there for the past twenty five years He is about fifty years of age, slightly built, somewhat taciturn, but possessed of much diplomatic and executive skill His work is principally renaissance To the Gothic style he is strongly and openly opposed as a style for general use His name has not been very often heard in connection with prominent public buildings, for, although his business has been very large, it has mainly consisted of church and bank buildings Of these numerous samples of his work are found scattered through Philadelphia and the neighborhood Outside that city, in other parts of the country not many buildings of his designing are found The building of the *Public Ledger* in Philadelphia is a good example of his work He has held at different times various government offices in the line of his profession He was the resident architect of the Philadelphia Postoffice under Mr Mullett, and as such vested with responsible powers

The main work now under his professional supervision is the City Building of Philadelphia This structure, which is to cover several entire blocks, is in the renaissance style, resembling, at first glance and in its general distribution, the capitol now building at Albany Mr McArthur obtained his appointment for that work after a public competition, in which a number of designs were entered He is the Vice President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and has occupied that position for a number of terms As an authority in his own city he stands second only to the venerable Mr Walters, the architect of the capitol extension

The Republic

Although the President will be left without a political majority in the next House, his position will be by no means an exceptional one Other Presidents since 1836 have had the same experience In connection with this subject, the Pittsburg Commercial remarks that "it has grown to be almost a certainty that the second Congress of any Presidential term will either be against the President or so nearly balanced that as to be close and doubtful" The Congress elected in 1838, two years after Van Buren's political triumph, was practically against him The Whigs carried the House in 1840, along with Harrison, but lost it in 1842 The Congress chosen in 1842 was against Polk, so was that of 1850 against Pierce, and of 1858 against Buchanan The Congress of 1866 was against Johnson, and the Democrats gained largely in 1870 It is, therefore, nothing surprising that the Forty-fourth Congress should be against President Grant, but it is some satisfaction to remember that the Senate remains Republican, and no obnoxious political measures can be foisted upon the people by the Democratic majority in the Lower House,

A Hundred Thousand Dollar Smuggling Case at Detroit.

Detroit Free Press

The government revenue officers at this port have been on a scent for a few days past that promises a fat plum for themselves and for the national treasury, provided their efforts to take certain smugglers result successfully Two or three years ago a firm known as Dranger & Co started a business in London, Ontario They sold dry goods, kid gloves, jewelry and other merchandise, buying wherever they could obtain credit and selling both in the ordinary way and at auction They secured large credits with various wholesale firms in Hamilton, Toronto, London, and other Canadian cities, sold all they could not carry away, and then packed nine large trunks with silks, kid gloves and jewelry A few nights ago they suddenly quitted London and came to Detroit with their afore said nine large trunks, which they smuggled across the river and landed them at the ice-house down on the river road. From there they caused them to be taken to a hotel on Third street, near the Michigan Central depot, where the three members of the firm of Dranger & Co stayed during that night On the following night they started for Chicago, taking their nine trunks with them, and a day later the United States authorities learned of the venture The goods thus smuggled over were estimated to be worth about $100,000, and after a visit to London a government detective set his plans in operation to capture the smugglers He procured photographs of the trio, and upon being shown them the Michigan Central baggage agent recognized the principal member of the firm as a person with whom he had an argument in relation to extra baggage on the morning of their departure for Chicago Soon afterward information was received that they had gone to New Orleans The Metropolitan Police of this city were made acquainted with the facts, and Chief Rogers, who had business in New Orleans, was requested to interview Dranger & Co They are known to be in that city, and as soon as the chief can find them they will be arrested and held in custody there until the arrival of a government officer from Detroit with warrants

A Mountain of Silver—The Riches of Ophir Surpassed.

The Virginia City Enterprise, of October 24th, says "The Consolidated Virginia Silver Mining Company are beginning to open up and lay bare some of the secrets of the north ern end of the great Comstock lode They are reaching the great lode on a new and sound line, and are finding a continuous body of ore This body is now known to extend from the Gould & Curry through the Consolidated Virginia, California and Ophir, to the Union Consolidated The Consolidated Virginia Company are on the upper edge of the great deposit lying under the basin in which are situated in the Eastern suburbs of the city, and are now beginning to reach some of the rich ore it contains In the early days many of our miners were of the opinion that in the course of time a point in the lead would be reached where would be found almost solid silver At the further depth of four or five hundred feet in the mine the Consolidated Virginia Company may reach a point where their ore will lack but little of being solid silver There appears to be lying far down in this portion of the lode a perfect mountain of silver ore Specimens brought up from the drift running into the Consolidated from the fifteen-hundred foot level of the Gould & Curry are even now almost solid masses of silver"

A RELIEF—The Boston *Sunday Gazette* says "The other day a lady reached the railroad depot just as the train on which she desired to depart moved away. As she stood gazing at the train, her arms full of packages, her eyes full of tears, a gentleman arrived at the depot on a run, with a valise in hand, his coat on his arm, and his face streaming with perspiration He also was after the train, but, alas! was too late As he looked anxiously after the train, now moving swiftly away, he sat down on his valise, wiped his face, and very deliberately said, 'D——n that train' The lady heard it, and smiling on him with all her sweetness, her face lighted up with a heavenly glow as she whispered, 'Thank you, sir'"

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11th Session—3d Biennial.

COUNCIL—TENTH DAY

WEDNESDAY, Dec 16, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called Absent Mr Lawrence who was excused on account of sickness

Mr Austin from the committee on education reported council bill No 11, providing for the salary of superintendents of public instruction by substitute, recommending its passage

Mr Jolley gave notice of a bill providing for the time of holding general elections in the territory of Dakota

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill regulating the manner of contesting the election of members of the legislative assembly

Mr Harlan gave notice of a bill to repeal section 17 of chapter 18, of the laws of 1864-5, approved January 2, 1865

Mr Chandler introduced council bill No 19 to define when the laws of the territory shall take effect

Mr Williams introduced council bill No 20 repealing chapter 39 of the laws of 1862, and also council bill No 21, repealing chapter 33 of the laws of 1862, also sections 200 to 220 inclusive of the justices code of 1865-6, as published in the laws of 1870-1 and to re-enact chapter 10 of the laws of 1868-9

Mr Brauch introduced council bill No 22, a memorial to congress praying for the establishment of a mail route from Yankton via Janesville, to Childstown, Turner county

Council bill No 18 was referred to the judiciary

On motion of Mr Stevens the governor's message was made the special order for Friday, the 18th

House bills Nos 1, 2 and 3, were read first time On motion the council adjourned

HOUSE—TENTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Absent, Mr McKay.

Mr Stearns, from committee on highways, reported council bill No 4, for an appropriation to improve the Fort Randall wagon road, recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr Shaw from the judiciary reported house file No 1, repealing section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3 by substitute and also council bill No 3, to define the judicial districts of the territory, with amendment recommending their passage

Mr Berry, from the committee on immigration reported house file No 10 to construct an immigrant house at Yankton by substitute, recommending its passage The bill was passed

Mr Van Osdel moved that the messenger be instructed to procure stationery for the members Adopted

Mr Zitka gave notice of a bill to repeal a law of 1872-3, creating new commissioner districts in Bon Homme county

Mr Curry gave notice of a bill to re establish assessor's districts in Union county

Mr Cleland gave notice of a bill to amend chapter 25 of the laws of 1868-9 concerning revenue

Mr Knud Larson introduced house bill No 11 to provide for the registration of warrants and regulating the order of payment of the same

Mr Simpson introduced house bill No 12 to amend an act to establish a public school law for the territory of Dakota

On motion of Mr Shaw council bill No 3 to define the judicial districts of Dakota territory, was made special order for tomorrow at 2 o clock p m, by a vote of 15 to 10

House bills Nos 11, 12 and 13 were referred

Mr Wahl, chairman of the committee on elections presented the following

MR SPEAKER —Your committee on elections have instructed me to ask your honorable body for instructions in regard to what kind of testimony this committee is to consider legal in hearing the different cases of contest now before this committee

Mr Wahl then presented this resolution

Resolved That the attorneys in the case of the contest of Edmund Hackett vs W T McKay, have the privilege of stating to this house the kind of evidence each of them have to present to the election committee and that the attorneys be requested to present their statements in writing Adopted, 13 to 12

Mr Wahl moved that Mr McKay be excused Lost 12 to 13

Mr Shaw offered the following resolution *Resolved*, That the committee on elections be authorized to receive only evidence admissible in the courts of record in this territory, which,

On motion of Mr Knud Larson, was laid on the table

Mr Cleland moved that the statements of the attorneys in the case of Hackett vs McKay, be received on to morrow morning Adopted

On motion of Mr Van Osdel house adjourned

COUNCIL—ELEVENTH DAY

THURSDAY, Dec. 17, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr Jolley gave notice of a bill to designate the time of the meeting of the legislative assembly

Mr Sheafe gave notice of a bill making the conveyance of homesteads invalid unless the wife joins in said conveyance

Mr Fraley gave notice of a bill to amend section 27 of chapter 13 of laws of 1867-8

Mr Jolley introduced council bill No 23, providing for the time of holding general elections in the territory of Dakota

Mr Shaw introduced council bill No 24, a memorial for an appropriation for the construction of a wagon road from some point on the table land in Union county, D T, across the marsh lands to the Ponca landing on the Missouri river

Mr Sheafe, by unanimous consent, introduced council bill No 25, making the conveyance of homesteads invalid unless the wife joins in said conveyance

House bills Nos 2, 3 and 4, were read and referred to appropriate committees

Council bills Nos 19, 20 21 and 22 were referred to appropriate committees

On motion of Mr Sheafe, Hon Wm Pound, U S Attorney, and reporters of the press were admitted to seats within the bar

On motion of Mr Stevens the council adjourned

HOUSE—ELEVENTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll call Quorum present.

A communication was received from the Rev Joseph Ward asking the use of the hall of the House for the ladies of the Congregational church to hold a New England supper therein, this evening

The request was granted

HACKETT vs McKAY

Mr Shaw presented the following statement of the attorneys for Mr Hackett

In the matter of the contested election of Edmund Hackett vs W T McKay now pending before the House the contestant Edmund Hackett, respectfully objects to the offer made by Mr McKay's counsel to read to the committee certain affidavits taken or purporting to have been taken by McKay in relation to said contest, for the following reasons

1st Because affidavits taken by one party without notice to the other are no evidence in any point of view to affect the rights of that party against whom they are so taken and in support of this proposition the House is respectfully referred to any and all the elementary writers on law of evidence including Greenleaf vol 3 pages 55 and 376 and 278 also sundry decisions of the courts reported in Brightley's Digest of U S Law vol 2 page — as well as the reports of all legislative and congressional committees including the proceedings of the congressional committee in this Territory in the well known contest of Armstrong vs Burleigh

2d In none of those cases can it be found that testimony was taken or received without notice being given to the other side In the last case mentioned we find that wherever depositions were taken including Yankton Vermillion Charles Mix Bon Homme and other points notice was given the other side in every instance and sometimes more than thirty days

3d The affidavits offered to the committee, six in number were all taken as long ago as the 27th of October 1874 when McKay had ample time and opportunity to have given Hackett notice If it be argued that he could have had no rule It is answered that verbal or written notice to Hackett could have presented a deposition so taken with some color of fairness

4th This case is neither a criminal action nor a civil action and under the code comes under the definition and in the nature of a special proceeding On all such proceedings therefore the opposite party has a right to notice of the taking of testimony and the right of cross examination

5th None of the parties to these alleged affidavits are known to the contestant and may be for all he knows perjured witnesses or the affidavits may be manufactured for the occasion The contestant had a right to meet these witnesses—to see them—to find out from them who they were—how they knew what they undertook to swear to and all about them otherwise affidavits may be procured in any case to supply a lack of votes.

6th McKay must have known of this pending contest as early as the 27th of October or why take these affidavits If he knew it why did he not have the witnesses here, or their testimony taken with notice to the other side The witnesses if living should have been produced here or their testimony regularly taken

7th The contestant does not know and never heard of the contents of these alleged affidavits until he heard of them from the mouth of Mr McKay's counsel night before last, and would be left entirely without a remedy or an opportunity to answer or refute them if they were allowed to go in as evidence He believes them wholly false and fabricated as he believes the returns from Burford have been to turn this case and he here most respectfully but earnestly protests against having his rights frittered away by any such means

8th He respectfully suggests that the House was unintentionally lead into an unimportant error yesterday in the passage of the resolution permitting the attorneys on *both* sides to state their offers in writing He has no offer of testimony to make He is through with his side of the case unless it be in rebuttal and he submits to the House that he has not offered a particle of testimony but what has been done in the usual way and under the straight rules of evidence

9th Under our code, affidavits are used simply in an *ex parte* manner for the commencement of proceedings, founding applications for a continuance, &c but never is evidence in determining parties rights

WILLIAMS & SHANNON,
of counsel for contestant

Dec 17 1874

Mr Wahl presented the following statement by the attorney for W T McKay

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In accordance with the request of your honorable body to furnish a statement of the evidence offered in the case of E Hackett vs W T McKay, I respectfully submit the following statement.

After introducing in evidence the certificate of the register of deeds of Burleigh county D T, certifying that the commissioners of said county on the 1st day of September, 1874 establishing the precinct of Stevenson, and establishing the polling place in said precinct on the east bank of Wolf creek at the place where the Mound road crosses said creek and appointed the judges of election for said precinct and after introducing parol evidence, in relation to the illegality of the election held in said precinct on the 13th day of October, 1874 —

1 I offered to introduce an affidavit made by Thomas Shanley on the 27th day of October 1874 and sworn to before Josiah Delamater, a notary public of Dakota Territory having his seal thereon also

2 An affidavit made by James C Sefton on the 27th day of October 1874, and sworn to before Josiah Delamater a notary public of Dakota Territory, having his seal thereon also

3 An affidavit made by M D Murray on the 27th day of October 1874 and sworn to before Josiah Delamater, a notary public of Dakota Territory, having his seal thereon also

4 An affidavit made by Henry Gayer, on the 27th day of October, 1874 and sworn to before Josiah Delamater a notary public of Dakota Territory, having his seal thereon also,

5 An affidavit made by Daniel Huston Lt Col 6th U S Infantry on the 27th day of October 1874 and sworn to before Josiah Delamater a notary public of Dakota Territory, having his seal thereon also

6 An affidavit made by Leslie Lewis and T B Wilson on the 27th day of October 1874, and sworn to before Josiah Delamater a notary public of Dakota Territory having his seal thereon.

All of said affidavits are in relation to the illegality of the election held in Stevenson precinct, established as aforesaid

All of said affidavits are hereto attached and form a part of this my statement

N J CRAMER *Attorney for Contestee*

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, } ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH }

Thomas Shanley being first duly sworn upon his oath says that he resides at Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory and has resided there for over a year last past that on the 13th day of October A D 1874 he was at Fort Stevenson aforesaid, and was there during the whole of said day

That on the morning of the 13th day of October A D 1874 he, in company with Geo Rhude, Dan Williams Geo Bridges Jane Thompson, Geo Cunningham — Wheeler and B Franklin left Ft Stevenson at eight o'clock a m and drove to Wolf creek a stream between 10 and 11 miles from Stevenson that they arrived at said creek at half past six o'clock and remained there about five minutes when the polls were opened by Geo Rhude judge of election after which two other judges were elected a motion was made and carried to adjourn the place of holding the election to the house of Geo Rhude at Ft Stevenson Notices of adjournment to the house of Geo Rhude were then posted on both sides of Wolf creek whereupon all the parties above named returned to Ft Stevenson, to the house of Geo Rhude arriving there at a quarter of an hour before nine o clock a m and the polls were immediately opened at the house of Geo Rhude and a few votes were taken when the polls were closed by order of the commanding officer at Ft Stevenson and the polls remained closed for about an hour when they were again opened and voting continued until 4 o clock p m, when the judges declared the polls closed

THOMAS SHANLEY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day [SEAL] of October A D 1874
JOSIAH DELAMATER, *Notary Public D T*

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA } ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH }

James C Sefton being first duly sworn says that he is a Sergeant in Co K 6th United States Infantry stationed at Ft Stevenson That on the 13th day of October A D 1874, he was on guard until 9 o clock a m of that day That on the morning of said day about 5 o clock a m, or half past he saw Geo Rhude with his team and some half dozen men leave the fort and drive out towards Wolf Creek That about a quarter of an hour to or before 9 o'clock a m of said day the same parties returned to Ft Stevenson and drove up to the house of Geo Rhude's (boarding house) at Ft Stevenson, arriving there at ten minutes before 9 o clock a m of that day

JAMES C SEFTON
Sergt Co K 6th Inf'y Ft Stevenson D T

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day [SEAL] of October A D 1874
JOSIAH DELAMATER, *Notary Public D T*

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, } ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH }

M D Murray being first duly sworn says that he is 1st duty Sergeant Co H 6th U S A Infantry stationed at Ft Stevenson D T and that the names of Thos Dooley and Wm Jones who appear on the poll list as voters at the election held at Ft Stevenson on the 13th day of October 1874, were members of his company, and that there are others whose names appear upon said poll list who are members of other companies stationed at Ft Stevenson D T

M D MURRAY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day [SEAL] of October A D 1874
JOSIAH DELAMATER *Notary Public D T*

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, } ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH }

Henry Gayer being first duly sworn says that he has had charge of a party of men for several months last past at Ft Stevenson D T that during the last past three months he has been constantly at Ft Stevenson and up and down the Missouri river for a radius of thirty miles, that he is acquainted with all the citizens within that distance of Ft Stevenson and is well satisfied that there were not 40 voters at Wolf Creek or Ft Stevenson on the 13th day of October A D 1874, and that at the election held at these places on the 13th day of October, A D 1874 there could not have been over thirty five actual voters present at the polls and that he knows that several of the persons whose names are on the poll list as having voted at Ft Stevenson or Wolf Creek on the 13th day of October 1874 were not at the polls, nor did they vote at that place, or either of them, on that day that some of them who did not vote but whose names are on the poll list, were working for him and others whose names are on said poll list were no then within fifty miles of the polls

HENRY GAYER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day [SEAL] of October A D 1874
JOSIAH DELAMATER *Notary Public D T*

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA } ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH }

Daniel Huston being duly sworn says he is Lt Col of the 6th U S Infantry and Commanding officer and have been since August 1873 at Fort Stevenson Dakota Territory and that he is well acquainted on the river for thirty miles above and below and that he verily believes that there are not over forty legal voters in or about the Wolf Creek or Ft Stevenson precinct, rightly entitled to a vote in said precinct on the 13th day of Oct 1874

DANIEL HUSTON
Lt Col 6th U S Infantry, Bvt Col U S A

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day [SEAL] October A D 1874
JOSIAH DELAMATER, *Notary Public D T*

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA } ss
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH }

Leslie Lewis and T B Wilson being sworn says that they are clerks in the post trader's store at Ft Stevenson, Dakota Territory and have been respectfully eighteen months and three years and that they are well acquainted with the people for from seventy to a hundred miles up and down the Missouri river and that the names of Benj Chillicott Jack Walker, John Nagle and John Howard, whose names appear upon the poll list were not at the polls on the day of election to the best of their knowledge and belief and that had they been there it is more than probable they would have seen them

LESLIE LEWIS
T B WILSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day [SEAL] of October A D 1874
JOSIAH DELAMATER *Notary Public, D T*

Mr Berry presented the following petition from the county board of commissioners of Turner county

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Dakota Territory

Your petitioners, the county commissioners of Turner county D T, would most respectfully represent that owing to the reports of destitution and want, we deemed it advisable and did meet in special meeting on the 10th day of December, A D 1874 and appointed commissioners in the different precincts of our county to ascertain by careful examination and inquiry the condition of the inhabitants of our county on this the 11th day of December we received the following report from said commissioners

1 Owing to the almost total destruction of crops by grasshoppers we find that there are about eighteen families or about seventy persons who are now destitute of provisions, and have been living on what they have received from their neighbors and friends

2 There are about fifteen families or about 49 persons who have not provision sufficient to last them until spring or until another crop can be put in the ground

3 We find many persons who are destitute of clothing and without means of procuring sufficient clothing to protect them from the cold

4 That of the more fortunate ones who have enough to support themselves there are very few who have more than is absolutely necessary for their own use

5 Now in consideration of the foregoing reasons we would most respectfully lay our case before you for consideration, hoping you will be able to devise some means to alleviate the suffering of our people It has been suggested to us to apply to people in the east (who have not suffered) for help, as other States and Territories have, and are now receiving assistance from that source, but thinking that it might retard immigration, and in other ways be injurious to our territory, we deemed it prudent to apply to you before taking other steps in the matter We have appointed as a receiving committee Vale P Thielman, Swan Lake D T, who will receive and distribute any donations made in behalf of our suffering people Trusting that you will be able to give this matter your attention and secure us assistance and your petitioners would further represent that a bill is now pending in congress for an appropriation to be distributed for the relief of the sufferers of the northwest by reason of the destruction of crops by grasshoppers Your petitioners would therefore ask your honorable body to memorialize congress that a distribution of said fund be extended to the destitute of Dakota Territory, by reason of such destruction of crops

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

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County Commissioners

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On motion of Mr Berry the foregoing petition was referred to the committee on benevolent institutions

Mr Anderson moved that Mr McKay be excused for non attendance Lost by a vote of 10 ayes to 15 nays

Mr Berry gave notice of a memorial to congress asking relief for the people of Dakota Territory who are suffering in consequence of the late grasshopper visitation

Mr Van Osdel gave notice of a bill to enable organized counties and towns to vote aid to any railroad and to provide for the payment of the same

Council bills Nos 7 and 13 were read first time

House bill No 11, to provide for the registration of county warrants was made a special order for Friday at 2 o'clock p m on motion of Mr Shaw

House bill No 15 to amend the public school law, was referred to committee on education

House bill No 13, to establish a territorial road between Yankton and Choteau Creek, was then passed

House bill No 13, to legalize the acts of officers of Moody county was then passed

The substitute to house file No 1, to repeal section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3 was then adopted, subsequently reconsidered, and the house took a recess till 2 p m

Reconvened

On motion of Mr Shaw the special order for 2 p m was postponed until 2 p m to morrow

On motion of Mr Berry the house adjourned

COUNCIL—TWELFTH DAY

FRIDAY, Dec 18 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair, prayer, roll called Mr Lawrence absent and excused on account of sickness

Mr Stevens from judiciary reported council bill No 20 to repeal chapter 39 of laws of 1862 recommending its passage

Mr Stevens from same committee reported council bills Nos 6, 8 9 17 and 18, recommending their passage

Mr Lawrence was excused on account of sickness on motion of Mr Brauch

Mr Sheafe gave notice of a bill amending the third subdivision of section 705 of the civil code

Mr Pace in the chair

Mr Jolley gave notice of a bill allowing damages to persons injured by defective highways and bridges, and also a bill relative to injuries to persons or property

Mr Fraley gave notice of a bill to provide for the care and custody of the territorial library

Mr Jolley introduced a bill to designate the time of the meeting of the legislative assembly of Dakota territory

Mr Brauch introduced council bill No 27 a memorial to the postmaster general asking an increase of mail service on route 13910, from Yankton to Sioux Falls

Mr Brauch also introduced council bill No 28 a memorial to congress asking an appropriation for the erection of a building in Dakota territory for the accommodation of the various public officers, U S courts and legislative assembly

Mr Stevens introduced council bill No 29, to establish the fees of chaplains

Mr Fraley introduced a bill to amend section 27, chapter 13 of laws of 1867-8

Council bills Nos 23, 24 and 25, were read and referred

Council bill No 8, relating to the fees of county treasurers, No 17, to repeal chapter 7 of the laws of 1862, council bill No 20, repealing chapter 39 of the laws of 1862, were then passed

Council bill No 6, was made a special order for 2 o clock p m The council took a recess until that time, when they reconvened and went into committee of the whole, considering a number of bills there in Having concluded its business the committee arose, and Mr Sheafe reported the recommendations of the committee which were adopted

Council bill No 18, repealing chapter 6, laws of 1864-5 was passed

On motion of Mr Williams the council adjourned

HOUSE—TWELFTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr Berry, from the committee on immigration, reported house bill No 9 to establish a board of immigration, with amendment, recommending its passage

Mr Shaw from the judiciary reported house bill No 5, repealing an amendment to the civil code requiring docketing of executions, recommending its passage

Mr Shaw presented the following resolution *Resolved*, That the committee on elections be instructed to receive only such evidence as is admissible in courts of record in this territory

Mr Berry offered as an amendment—*Resolved*, That the house instruct the committee on elections not to receive any *ex parte* affidavits as legal testimony

By consent Mr Shaw withdrew his resolution, and the question being on Mr Berry's resolution, it was laid on the table

Mr Wahl then presented the following resolution *Resolved*, That the committee on elections be instructed to admit all evidence presented, and compare the strength and circumstances according to law and the best of their judgment, and report the facts and their opinion to this house as early as possible, so the contest can be disposed of Which was adopted

On motion of Mr Wright, the house took recess until 2 p m

Reconvened

The hour for consideration of the special order having arrived, the house went into committee of the whole on council bill No 3 on an act to define the judicial districts of Dakota, etc, Mr Luce in the chair After some time spent therein the committee arose, and reported an amendment to the bill, recommending the adoption of the amendment and the passage of the bill The amendment was adopted and the bill passed Adjourned

COUNCIL—THIRTEENTH DAY

SATURDAY, Dec 19 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called All present

Messrs Stevens and Williams, from the judiciary committee, reported council bill No 14, providing a landlord's lien, without recommendation

Mr Stevens, on motion of Mr Sheafe was excused on account of severe indisposition

On motion of Mr Sheafe, the Hon Joel A Potter mayor of the city of Yankton, was invited to a seat within the bar

Mr Lawrence gave notice of a bill concerning mines, also a bill relating to disputed mining property, and for the protection of miners

Mr Chandler introduced council bill No 31 allowing damages to parties injured by defective highways

Mr Jolley introduced council bill No 32, relating to injuries to persons and property

Mr Sheafe introduced council bill No 33, amending the third subdivision of section 705 of the civil code

Council bill No 3 a bill defining the judicial districts of Dakota territory returned from the house with amendment, was taken up and amendment concurred in

House bills Nos 12 and 13 were referred to committees, also council bills Nos 26, 27, 28 29 and 30

Council bill No 6, providing that judgments shall draw the same rate of interest as the contract on which the judgment was rendered, draws, was placed on third reading and lost.

Council bill No 9, amending section 114 chapter 31 of laws of 1865, and re enacted by section 2 chapter 6, of laws of 1872-3 relating to the incorporation of towns, was passed

Council bill No 14, providing a lien of landlords was lost on third reading

Council bill No 27, a memorial for a daily mail from Yankton to Sioux Falls, was passed

A message was received from Gov Pennington, announcing his approval of the bill repealing the prohibition against masked balls, and also a memorial for the division of Dakota, and a memorial for an appropriation to complete the Big Sioux and Fort Randall wagon road

Mr Williams gave notice that he would move to reconsider the vote by which house bill No 10, passed, on Monday Adjourned

HOUSE—THIRTEENTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr Bothun gave notice of a bill to amend an act providing for laying out public highways.

Mr Van Osdel introduced house file No 16, to repeal an act entitled an act to enable counties and townships to vote aid to railroads

Mr Curry introduced house file No 17, to re establish commissioner and assessor districts in Union county

Mr Berry introduced house file No 18, asking congress for an appropriation for the people of Dakota territory, who are suffering in consequence of the late grasshopper visitation, which was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr Zitka introduced house file No 19, repealing chapter 8 of the special and private laws of 1872-3, creating three commissioner districts in Bon Homme county

Mr Cleland introduced house file No 20 to amend certain sections of an act of 1868-9 chapter 23

Council bills Nos 8, 17, 18, 20 and 24 were read and referred

Council bill No 13, a memorial for the opening of the Black Hills, was passed

House file No 5 was passed

House file No 9 was made a special order for Tuesday, Dec 22d, on motion of Mr Bothun

Mr Williams in the chair

House file No 1, to amend section 10 of chapter 25, laws of 1864-5, was made special order for Monday, on motion of Mr Shaw

On motion of Mr Wahl, the house adjourned

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CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 14 —Bills introduced and referred By Mr Davis a bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Great Kanawha river in West Virginia by Mr Stevenson a bill for the erection of suitable buildings at Covington, Ky, by Mr Conkling, a bill to amend the act for the creation of a court for the adjudication and disposition of certain moneys received into the treasury under the Geneva award by Mr Hitchcock, a bill for an appropriation of $50 000 to enable the commissioner of agriculture to make a special distribution of seeds to portions of the country which have suffered by grasshopper ravages during the past summer Bills passed a bill for the relief of certain settlers on the public land, which provides that settlers who left their lands on account of the ravages of grasshoppers shall not be deprived of their rights to such lands and authorizes the commission of the general land office to modify the homestead laws in their favor The provisions of the bill are also made applicable to settlers who may be compelled to leave their land for the same cause next year the bill relating to the disposition of certain lands to be reclaimed in Sheboygan county Wis At his own request Mr Boreman was excused from further service on the committee on claims The chair appointed as members of the committee on the part of the senate to take measures for the reception of King Kalakaua Messrs Cameron and McCreary Adjourned

HOUSE

Under a call of the states bills were introduced and referred By Fernandez—Bill in relation to indictments for fraud in the District of Columbia, by Albright—For free banking and to retire legal tender notes by Speer—Reducing letter postage to 1 cent by Sprague—To amend the constitution concerning the official term of the president by Negley—For the improvement of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers by Smith—For the relief of the southern states by a compromise and settlement of their debt by Whitley—For a commission to investigate the political and legal condition of the southern states by Styles—To preserve the free navigation of the Ohio river by Lynch—To repeal the law requiring prepayment of newspaper postage by Maynard—To amend the national banking act by Hurlbut—To aid in the construction of a narrow gauge road from tide water to St Louis and Chicago, by Bradley—Making an appropriation for lighthouses in Michigan, by Field—To increase taxation on foreign products and facilitate resumption of specie payment, by Harris—A bill allowing the payment of half of all import duties in legal tender notes or national bank notes by Morrison—For continuing the improvements of the Mississippi river between the Missouri and Illinois rivers by Farwell—For free banking and the resumption of specie payments, by Young—A bill for the settlement of accounts for carrying the mails in the southern states prior to 1861, the amount not exceeding $200 000 On motion of Mr Wheeler, it was ordered that, when the legislative appropriation bill is under consideration in the committee of the whole an amendment may be offered making direct appropriations for the military asylum for disabled soldiers, instead of having them go through the auditor's office Mr McKee offered a resolution for the appointment of a select committee of five to proceed to Vicksburg, and investigate and report all the facts relative to the recent trouble in that state and especially in Warren county—Adopted Adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 15—Mr Pratt introduced a bill limiting the time in which an application for bounty land shall be received and disposition of suspended cases after a certain date Referred Mr Morrill of Maine, called up the house bill reported from the committee on appropriations yesterday, to continue the board of audit to audit and examine the unfunded and floating debt of the District of Columbia—Passed Mr Spencer from the committee on military affairs, reported favorably on the senate bill to provide for the relief of persons suffering from the ravages of grasshoppers Placed on the calendar The bill authorizes the president of the United States to issue temporarily supplies of food and disused army clothing sufficient to prevent starvation and suffering to the destitute and helpless persons living on the western frontier who have been rendered so by the ravages of grasshoppers during the last summer and appropriates $100 000 to carry out the provisions of the act Adjourned

HOUSE

A resolution to adjourn from Dec 23d to Jan 5th was adopted but was finally reconsidered and made the special order for the 21st Bills were introduced as follows By Phillips—To authorize the secretary of the interior to settle and pay certain accounts between the United States and various states arising from the appropriation of certain public lands in such states for permanent Indian reservations and for the sale of certain portions of the public land in such states for the use of certain individual tribes by McCrary—For a narrow gauge road from Lake Erie to the Missouri river by Poland—Regulating the prosecution of libels in the District of Columbia Adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 16 —Bills introduced and referred By Hitchcock, extending the provisions of the act entitled an act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the state of Mississippi and other states, approved March 3 1857 to the states admitted into the Union since that date, by Mr Hitchcock, to establish inventors in the statute and patent emporium and patent manufacturing company in the District of Columbia by Mr Johnson, to aid the Washington Cincinnati and St Louis railroad company to construct a narrow gauge railroad from tide water to the cities of St Louis and Chicago Adjourned

HOUSE

Mr Maynard, from the banking committee, reported back adversely the bill to amend the internal revenue law by increasing the tax on circulation of national banks from one twelfth to one fourth of one per cent per month Referred Mr Young from the committee on military affairs reported a bill for the relief of certain states and territories on account of ordnance stores issued during the late civil war Recommitted The house went into committee of the whole, with E H Roberts in the chair, on the legislative appropriation bill The amendments indicated last Monday, by Mr Wheeler, on the subject of a national asylum for disabled volunteer soldiers, were offered, explained and adopted Mr Butler, of Massachusetts, from the judiciary committee reported a supplementary civil rights bill Ordered printed and recommitted. Adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 17 —Mr Ingalls introduced a bill to organize the judicial district of Oklahama, and establish the courts of the United States therein Referred Mr Edmunds from the judiciary committee, reported favorably on the bill to enable the supreme court of the District of Columbia to proceed with its jury business Passed Mr Frelinghuysen, from the committee on agriculture, reported back the bill to enable the commissioner of agriculture to make a special distribution of seed with an amendment that $30 000 instead of $50,000 be appropriated for the purpose Amendment agreed to and the bill passed During the discussion of a bill for the better government of the District of Columbia, the senate adjourned

HOUSE

Mr Lowe introduced a bill to establish the judicial district of Oklahama In the Indian territory Referred The house in committee of the whole, discussed the provisions of the legislative appropriation bill Mr Dawes introduced a bill making provision for the payment of the sinking fund Referred to the committee on ways and means

SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec 18 —The senate in a body proceeded to the president's house, and paid their respects to King Kalakaua Afterwards a short executive session was held, when the senate adjourned to Monday

HOUSE

At noon to day King Kalakaua was received by the house in the presence of a crowd of spectators in the galleries After an interchange of formal titles and speeches business was proceeded with On motion of Mr Phillips, the senate bill for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands who suffered from grasshoppers was taken up, briefly discussed and passed Mr Hurlbut from the railroad committee reported a bill chartering a double track railway company from tidewater on the Atlantic to the Missouri river, and to limit the rates of freight thereon Ordered printed and recommitted The house, in committee of the whole, finally [illegible] reached a report on the legislative appropriation [illegible] with a few amendments, it was passed [illegible] Monday.

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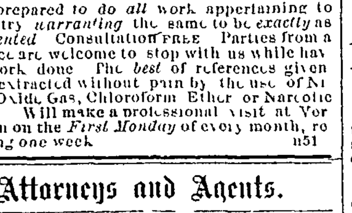

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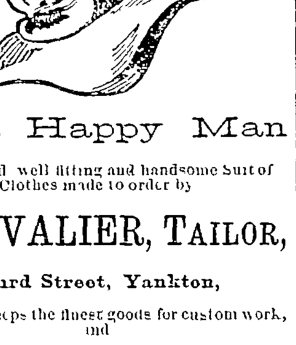

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SELECTED POETRY.

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS.

BY CLEMENT C MOORE

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' the house
Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse,
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there,
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads
And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave the luster of mid day to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name
' Now Dasher now, Dancer ' now, Prancer ' and Vixen '
On, Comet on Cupid' on Doner and Blitzen '
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall '
Now dash away ! dash away ' dash away all '
As dry leaves before the hurricane fly
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky
So up to the house top the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys and St Nicholas too
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof—
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back
And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack
His eyes how they twinkled ' his dimples, how merry
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry '
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow,
The stump of a pipe he held tight, in his teeth
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath,
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowlfull of jelly
He was chubby and plump a right jolly old elf
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread,
He spoke not a word but went right to work
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose,
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight
' Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night

DYING BY DOZENS

A Deadly and Mysterious Epidemic in Tennessee

(Correspondence of the New York Herald]
NASHVILLE, Tenn, Dec 7, 1874

The *Herald* has already published special dispatches relative to the prevalence of an epidemic now raging at Alexandria, DeKalb County Alexandria is situated in a wild, mountainous country, which is usually considered one of the most salubrious portions of the state The inhabitants in general are hale and hearty, and healthy, and heretofore no grim-visaged epidemic has ever disturbed the peaceful serenity of their quiet locality No locomotive comes thundering near the borders of Alexandria, and no electric current connects the sequestered village with the outer world, Slow ox teams plod their weary way through the lonely streets, and the tri-weekly stage brings in all the passengers, takes in all the meager mail, and brings back the same to the almost equally isolated village of Lebanon Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered the epidemic that has been rapidly increasing in violence should create sad havoc in the vicinity before their nearest neighboring metropolis, Nashville, should even obtain the slightest information in regard to it It was thought to have been abating, and I telegraphed you to that effect, but later advices from the place prove that it has not yet run its course, but is, if anything, worse than it was at first

From being confined exclusively to Alexandria the epidemic has spread to the surrounding country It seems to be traveling eastwardly, and has already made its appearance at Liberty, another little mountain village a few miles distant The entire population in that portion of the country are filled with consternation, and do not know what to do to escape the terrible malady Young and old are alike afflicted, there being many children down with it, and some have already died Local physicans are baffled as to what produces it, nor do they know how to cure it or stay its progress It resembles cholera in that it attacks the stomach and bowels, and produces in some instances a speedy death Some persons have fallen victims from sheer neglect to take notice of their condition, thinking it nothing more than a common diarrhœa They are taken, "doctor" themselves for a week, when finally they send for a physician, who arrives too late to save them from a premature death. In several instances whole families have been stricken down with the disease, leaving, perhaps, only the youngest and most helpless, who would be unable to render any assistance to the afflicted members

For two weeks the disease, which was at first considered trivial, has been increasing and augmenting in severity and fatality until it reached epidemic proportions Since the first outbreaking twelve or more persons have died, while a large number are alarmingly ill Physicians have exhausted their skill in endeavoring to point out the origin of the visitation It was at first supposed that some poisonous substance was contained in the water, but as it has not confined itself to any one locality that supposition is no longer deemed plausible Another reason assigned is that this is the "hog-killing" season, and the whole country is abounding at present in fresh spare-ribs, back bones, and sausage meat, and every one is tempted to indulge too much in the animal delicacies and to overload his stomach with them But it is hardly probable that, should this be the cause of the disease, it would result so fatally and would, moreover, not confine itself to that exclusive locality The eating of pork is general at this time of the year, and yet in no other section has similar disease manifested itself Physicians state that in Tennessee at present diseases of all kinds require unusually grave treatment, not that there is so much sickness in the greater portion of the State, but that the various diseases are of a more virulent type than usual

Relief for Homesteaders.

A bill for the relief of Homesteaders in Nebraska has been drawn up by Hon S M Boyd, and will be presented at the present session of Congress It reads:

That the settlers upon the public domain in the state of Nebraska under the existing homestead and pre-emption laws, are allowed the privilege of remaining absent from their homesteads or pre-emptions for the period of two years without working a forfeiture to such homestead or pre-emption And, be it further enacted, that the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized to loan out of the public funds of the United States, to each such homestead or pre-emption claimant, the sum of $100 at a reasonable rate of interest, to be secured by such claimant by a mortgage upon his or her homestead or pre emption and the improvements thereon That said mortgage shall be a lien on such homestead or pre-emption, and shall be paid at the final entry of the same, if not canceled by payment prior thereto That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall have authority to make all needful rules and regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this act

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 24, 1874.

The southern Outrage Committee met last Friday and appointed Foster, of Ohio, Phelps, of New Jersey, and Potter, of New York, to visit Louisiana They have agreed to meet in New Orleans on the 28th inst

In the U S Senate, on Monday last, on motion of Mr Boreman, the vote by which the senate bill to create the territory of Pembina, was rejected in May last, was re-considered and the bill was re-committed to the committee on territories for its report on the feasibility of making a new territorial organization of the northern half of Dakota

The reception given by the President Saturday evening in honor of his majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands was largely attended The guests were invited by card, including judges of the supreme court, members of the cabinet, all the foreign minister in full court dress, members of both houses of congress, and officers of the army and navy in uniform Many of the gentlemen were accompanied by ladies. The Marine Band was in attendance The King occupied a position in the East room On his left was Secretary Fish, who conducted the presentations, and on his right were the President and Mrs Grant, Mrs Fish, and Colonel Grant and his wife It was a brilliant assembly in all its features

WHICH DO WE KNOW MOST ABOUT DAKOTA OR VICKSBURG?

Our contemporary the Press & Dakotaian adopted a novel and charming piece of philosophy in its reference last week to the Hackett and McKay contest case in the legislature That flagrant outrage has been street talk for the past three weeks, and yet our contemporary could not express an opinion in the matter pro or con for the alleged reason that the editor had been but fifteen days in the territory, and had not sufficient knowledge of the details His philosophy however glares out in an adjoining column where he ruthlessly denounces the tax payers of Vicksburg as democratic rebels for not permitting a horde of republican negroes to steal their public funds and records without authority Vicksburg is fifteen hundred miles away and it is probable that Mr Bowen was never there in all his life —*Herald*.

We have only time and space, this week, to kick over the Herald's logic with a brief paragraph. The records of the 12th Wisconsin battery will show that we visited Vicksburg on the 4th day of July, 1863 that we remained in the city three months and had time to become tolerably well acquainted with the inhabitants, and that we would have gone in there forty-eight days sooner but for the decided objections presented by the friends of the Herald

SECRETARY HAND CONFIRMED.

A brief telegram from Washington brings intelligence of the confirmation by the Senate on Thursday last of George H Hand as secretary of the territory of Dakota. This bit of intelligence will be received with gratification by the people because they find in Mr Hand a gentleman of strict integrity and pleasing address—one who will see that the duties devolving upon him are performed to the letter of his instructions and one who wins his way to the hearts of men by the suavity of his manners and the freedom of his social intercourse He was appointed in November last and been acting as *ad interim* secretary pending his confirmation by the senate.

Mr Hand a full-fledged Dakotaian, having immigrated hither from Wisconsin in 1865 Establishing himself at Yankton in the practice of law, he soon became favorably known to the people of the territory and it is but just to remark that first impressions have been fully confirmed by the subsequent career of the gentleman of whom we write In 1865 he was appointed United States district attorney, which position he filled creditably until 1868 In 1873 Mr Hand was appointed the first register in the Yankton land office and vacated that office to accept the appointment of territorial secretary on the 1st of November, 1874. Of his satisfactory discharge of the duties of that position we have spoken'

The people of Dakota have every reason to be gratified over the discernment of the powers at Washington in selecting so competent and worthy a gentleman to fill the responsible position of territorial secretary.

CHRISTMAS.

The gala day of the entire christian world is once more about to be ushered into the presence of a people, and from every abiding place joyous within the broad domain of Christ there will ascend the earnest greetings of hearts made happy in honor of the event which gave to sinful mankind a Mediator and a Saviour Nearly nineteen hundred years have passed since the beaming star of Bethlehem shed its radiance upon the spot where the new born Saviour lay and the anniversary of his birth still gives us the day most universally celebrated of any on the calendar. The Christmas customs of the olden time are not duplicated in form by the representatives of the present age, successive generations devising innovations upon the observances of their predecessors until the original indulgences which made the Christmas time a season of continued festivities (lasting often for weeks) exist only in the history of the past The grotesque maskers of the middle ages and their wild revels of mirth have been succeeded by less boisterous pleasures of the home fireside and the sanctuary. England perhaps retains more of the ancient Christmas practices than any other county In Germany originated the custom of the interchange of presents and there too was Christmas first set apart as a day to be more particularly devoted to juvenile happiness The first personation of the Santa Claus of to-day, was the old German, Knecht Rupert, a mystical individual who went about from house to house, fantasticly clad and laden with presents for the children. The Knickerbockers of New York transplanted this personage to American soil, where he has since been the good genius who presides over the destinies of children's stockings and metes out his annual rewards in proportion to the merits of those who lay claim to his bounty

The Press and Dakotaian takes advantage of the occasion to extend the greetings of the season to its readers, wishing them, one and all, "Merry Christmas" Here in Yankton we feel assured that the day will be happily spent, the numerous preparations which have filled the last fortnight furnishing ample grounds for the prediction But in the midst of our rejoicing let us not be unmindful of the suffering poor whom we have always with us It is a day that should be illumed by the shining charity which casts a halo of forgiveness upon the multitude of sins with which common humanity is afflicted. It is the misfortune of our people to be more heavily burdened than usual this year with the stress of poverty and the field is therefore an ample one for the good deeds of those upon whom the gifts of Heaven have been plenteously bestowed. Let Christmas, 1874, therefore be made bright in the record of events by the good deeds of man to man and the bestowal of civilities which betoken the cordial good will of a happy community

THE POLITICAL ASPECT.

The alarming condition of affairs at the south has been heightened, rather than modified, since our last issue. True there have been no more massacres since the white leaguers of Vicksburg tempered their diabolical ardor in torrents of republican blood, but the only reason is that there has been no incentive to a crisis in affairs in any locality outside the districts protected by United States bayonets. At New Orleans the rebellious element manifested an anxiety to duplicate the scenes of September last, but the presence of twenty-two companies of government soldiers had an intimidating effect Two or three of the public schools there have been made the theatres of mob violence, the exhibition of "feeling" growing out of the attempted introduction of colored pupils In each instance the authorities have submitted and the African aspirants for educational privileges have been removed from the schools In Caddo Parish (the Shreveport region) the democracy have been holding meetings As a sample of their work we quote the following

Resolved, That in making contracts for the ensuing year we give the first preference to those who voted with us at the election that we give next to those who didn't vote at all that we utterly repudiate the employment of any radical black or white and refuse to countenance any planter or patronize any merchant who gives aid or comfort in any manner to the same

Again, in another resolution adopted at a democratic gathering in Caddo Parish, the participators declare their intentions as follows, which embodies absolute defiance of law and order

Resolved, That we proclaim it to be our fixed purpose to install into their respective offices on the 1st of January 1875 all the officers elected in this parish, whether they are so returned by the returning board or not and we call upon other parishes particularly those of North Louisiana, to take similar action, pledging them our co operation and assistance

Then the democrats of Caddo Parish proceed to state in another resolution that they propose to maintain their position by the force of arms, if necessary As the returning board is the constituted authority, and the only authority which can decide the result of an election, the inference is plain that these riotous rebels do not intend to submit to the decision of the ballot, provided that decision is in conflict with their cherished notions of white democratic supremacy

The foregoing allusions and extracts show literally only the sentiments of the people of a very small portion of the south, yet they are applicable to every county, parish or precinct of the states which engaged in the rebellion of ten years ago In the light of events which daily spring into existence we cannot but admit that the southerners boast that the confederacy was subdued and not conquered, is true in all its ghastly significance They yielded ungracious compliance to the force of superior numbers, but they never intended that the result should stand as final 'Twas a bitter alternative against which their proud hearts could not choose And since, in addition to the humiliation of defeat, has come the elevation of their former slaves to equal political privileges with themselves The average southerner scarcely believes that the negro is endowed with a human soul To him the African is an animal conveniently provided with sufficient instinct to minister to the white man's wants It is the southerner's education to believe this, and he does believe it with all his heart and takes care to impart the pleasing fiction to his children that they too may be brought to an early and comprehensive understanding of the difference between white and black With these extreme ideas instilled into the marrow of their reasoning, it is fallacious to suppose, as we have had it argued to us for the last ten years, that the south is satisfied with negro freedom and negro suffrage. They hate the negro because he was once their slave and is now their political master, and are growing still stronger in their animosity against the race because they detect within it the germs of a future intellectual superiority, which needs only the opportunity to exhibit the progressive stages of development Hating the negro as they do, it is not unreasonable that the feeling should extend to the party which gave him freedom, and now holds his suffrages Hence we have this armed resistance to, and undisguised defiance of, law which is daily becoming more openly manifested by the democrats of the south The spirit of intolerance gains in magnitude and strength as the confederacy recovers from the exhaustion of the late war If when partially held in check by the strong hand of a loyal administration, the southern rebel element develops so much of the murderous animus of a treasonable people, what would be the condition of that portion of the country under the "magnanimity" of democratic rule? It is not necessary for us to draw the picture Ordinary comprehension can fix the outlines and complete the work by a moment's reflection Despite the sophistic arguments of would be reformers, existing relations between the north and south decree that there shall be but two great parties in our country—the republican party and the democratic party The lines are as closely drawn as in 1861 and will admit of no break. Wavering republicans, liberals, reformers, have their choice between the two, they can give renewed allegiance to the party which punishes with a strict regard for the demands of justice the malefactors within its own ranks, or they can ally themselves with the party which has for its element of strength the thousands of bloody-handed desperadoes of the south It is hardly to be presumed that their consciences will permit them to accept the latter alternative

PAYING THE DAKOTA MILITIA

The survivors of the Indian war of 1862, who served in the Dakota militia during that trying time, will be glad to learn that the delegate from Dakota, Hon M K Armstrong, has already introduced a bill, based upon the official report of Gen'l Hardee, making provision for their payment in full, in accordance with the findings of the secretary of war The claim is a just one in every respect, and the payment of it this winter, will relieve the necessities of many a toiling farmer whose crops during the past season were destroyed by grasshoppers Congress should hurry up the appropriation, for two reasons first, because the claim has been due for twelve long years, and is honest, and, second, because the amount coming to the Territory, by being disbursed soon, will prevent as well as alleviate much suffering It will distribute nearly $30,000 among the settlement Southern Dakota, benifiting nearly every settlement, and carrying relief to hundreds of homes

We can see no good reason for further delay Gen'l Hardee, the agent appointed by the secretary of war, has been here and given the matter a very thorough overhauling, and while he has recommended much less than the claimants believe should have been awarded, by striking off one month's pay from that claimed by the territory, we hear but little complaint among those interested Let congress do its duty without delay in making the appropriation, that justice though, extremely tardy, may be done the pioneers who protected and preserved the early feeble settlements of Dakota from devastation and destruction by a savage foe

Those among us who were here during the exciting period of the Indian outbreak referred to will bear witness to the fact that the determined stand taken at Yankton saved the territory many years of arduous toil towards its development As far down the river as Council Bluffs the inhabitants were fleeing in terror before the threatened invasion of the red-skinned foe and it seemed at one time as though all the settlements between that point and Yankton must be abandoned But the pioneers of this region rallied at Yankton, constructed fortifications and bravely held the ground at a time when it seemed almost madness to attempt a defence The result was that this outpost of civilization was retained by the whites and when the war closed the government had lost not a mile of territory Therefore we say that the settlers of twelve years ago should be reimbursed for their time and the destruction of their property Congress has already been too tardy Let the pluck and excellent judgment of those who in early days defended Dakota now be rewarded

DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

11th Session—3d Biennial.

COUNCIL—FIFTEENTH DAY

MONDAY, Dec 21, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair. Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr McIlench, from committee on highways reported house file No 12, a bill to establish a territorial road from Yankton to Choteau Creek, recommending its passage The bill was passed

Mr Harlan from the committee on federal relations reported house file No 8, a memorial for a mail route from Sioux Falls, Dakota, to Lake Benton, Minnesota, recommending its passage. The bill passed

Mr Austin from committee on territorial affairs reported council bill No 22, a memorial for a route from Yankton to Childs town, recommending its passage

Council bill No 6, lost on Saturday, was reconsidered and referred to the judiciary committee

Mr Austin gave notice of a bill providing an institution for the education of the deaf and dumb

Mr Sheafe gave notice of a bill relating to the challenging of jurors in civil cases

Mr Jolly gave notice of a bill requiring the boards of county commissioners to publish their proceedings, also, a bill to provide for the distribution of the laws of Dakota also, a bill to amend section 14 of chapter 15 of the laws of 1867-8 entitled an act relating to incorporations

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill amending general laws of 1868-9, relating to townsites

Mr Fraley introduced council bill No 35, providing for the custody of the territorial library

Mr Lawrence introduced council bill No 34, for an act concerning mines, also, council bill No 36 relating to mining property in dispute and to the protection of miners

Council bill No 32, was read a third time and passed

Council bill No 33, was then referred to committee on judiciary

Mr Williams withdrew his notice to reconsider the vote by which house file No 10, to build an immigrant house in Yankton, and the bill was declared passed

Council bill No 30, a bill to amend section 27 of chapter 33 of the laws of 1867-8 was passed

Council bill No 32, relating to injuries to persons and property, was then passed

On motion adjourned to 10 30, a m tomorrow

HOUSE—FIFTEENTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair. Prayer Roll call Quorum present

Mr Williams from ways and means committee reported house file 7, to repeal chapter 8 of the session laws of 1872-3 The bill was passed

Mr Knud Larson gave notice of a bill repealing chapter 30 of the laws of 1872-3, to encourage the growth of timber and trees along section line roads approved January 9, 1873

Mr Luce gave notice of a bill to divide Moody county into three commissioner districts, also, a bill to repeal chapter 25 of the session laws of 1862, approved May 14, 1862 also a bill for the preservation of fish in the waters of Lake county, Dakota Territory

Mr Moody gave notice of a bill authorizing the employment of a stenographer in the district courts of the territory

Mr Anderson introduced house file No 21, to provide for the safe keeping of lunatics in this territory

Mr Wahl introduced house file No 22, a bill preventing the division of organized counties in certain cases

Council bills Nos 8, 17 and 18 were referred to their appropriate committees

Council bill No 20, repealing chapter 39 of the laws of 1862, was, on motion of Mr Wahl, indefinitely postponed

Council bill No 24, a memorial to congress praying for an appropriation to aid in the construction of a wagon road from some point on the table lands in Union county, Dakota, across the marsh lands to the Ponca landing on the Missouri river, was then passed under a suspension of the rules

House bills Nos 16, 17, 19, and 20 were referred to their appropriate committees

Mr Bothun gave notice of a bill defining the fiscal year and for other purposes, also, a bill to amend section 3 of chapter 4 of private laws of 1867, approved January 11, 1867

On motion of Mr. Wahl, the house adjourned

LAWS AND MEMORIALS

Passed and Approved at the Present Session of the Legislative Assembly

An act to repeal sections 478 and 480 of the criminal code approved January 11, 1865 [The following are the sections of the penal code that this act repeals]

'Sec 478 Every assembly of three or more persons having their faces painted discolored, colored or concealed or being otherwise disguised in a manner adapted to prevent them from being identified is an unlawful assembly

Sec 480 Every person being a proprietor, manager or keeper of any theatre circus or public garden, public hall or premises or other place of public meeting, resort or amusement whatever, for admission to which any price or payment is demanded who permits therein any masquerade, or masked ball, or any assemblage of persons masked is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the territorial prison not exceeding two years, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars and not less than five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment '

A memorial to congress asking for a division of the Territory of Dakota, and the organization of a new Territory out of the northern part thereof

A memorial to congress asking for an appropriation to complete the Big Sioux river and Fort Randall wagon road

Decision in a Liquor Case

[From the Elk Point Courier.]

The case of the city of Elk Point vs G O Vaughn which has engaged the attention of the district court for the first three days is at last decided This case was an action of the city of Elk Point to enforce the city ordinance requiring a city license of $500 to sell liquor by measure and for biding dramselling. The defendant Vaughn was convicted before city justice Wallace in August last, and fined fifty dollars and costs The case was brought before the district court on appeal and was very elaborately argued by Hon Alex Hughes on the part of plaintiff, and by Hon E W Miller and Wm L Joy, of the firm of Joy and Wright of Sioux City, for defendant After the most thorough and exhaustive search and presentation of decisions in other states and evidence—for this is believed to be the first case of this kind in the territory—the court last evening held the city ordinance valid, and the jury after a short deliberation brought in a verdict of guilty, thus reaffirming the decision of Justice Wallace A motion for arrest of judgment was overruled by the court

Much credit is due to Mr Hughes, Att'y for the city, for his able defense of the people's rights, and vindication of the cause of temperance, completely answering and refuting single handed the combined skill and talent of several of the most able attorneys in the west, who were retained by defendant

THE BLACK HILLS

Notes and News of the Dakota Eldorado.

AFTER THE BLACK HILLERS

A report dated November 25, from the Indian Agent at Cheyenne River Agency, states that he is in pursuit of white men going to the Black Hills He is accompanied by a military force from Forts Rice and Sully

SHERIDAN'S DISBELIEF.

CHICAGO, Dec 13—Lieut Gen Sheridan, in an interview yesterday, expressed his utter disbelief in the stories recently telegraphed here from Sioux City of the presence of prospecting parties of miners in the Black Hills country All the advices received by the General from the commanders of the military posts on the borders of the Black Hills country go to show that no white man have penetrated that region since Gen Custer's expedition of last summer

A MINER'S PROPOSITION

SPOTTED TAIL D T, Dec 10 1874

To the Editor of the Chicago Inter Ocean

I have just got in here from a hunt in the Powder River and Big Horn country, and I find a big bill posted up here in Jewett's store from the Inter Ocean which says you can tell all about the Black Hills Now, I guess, Custer has been telling you some big yarns about that country and the gold he discovered Now, I'll bet my buckskin *shirt that he didn't see an ounce of gold on* the whole trip I know, because a party of Indians that I belong to, followed and watched him every day, and they told me everything Besides, I was in his camp three times myself, at Little Tree, Cheyenne, and Floral Valley He missed the gold country thirty seven miles I was up here with Eagle Wing hunting gray foxes and in about a month I got my tobacco pouch, which is about twenty inches long, chuck full of gold Now, if anybody in the States wants to see any of the gold, tell them to send me from twenty five cents to $5 in paper money and I will send them the gold And if they want to know where the gold is found and how to get there without being troubled with Indians or any one else, tell them to write to me and put in a stamp for an answer, and I will tell them what's worth knowing

OTTO MARTEL,
Spotted Tail, D T

A DESCRIPTION FROM PROF DONALDSON

Prof Donaldson lectured in Minneapolis recently on the Black Hills The professor was until recently, connected with the Minnesota University and was the botanist of the Custer expedition and the able and versatile correspondent of the St Paul Pioneer The following is from the Minneapolis Tribune account of the lecture The course of the train tended due west into Montana, south into Wyoming and then east into the table lands The first night in the hills was a joyful one, the earth was beautiful, the heavens grand the band awoke the echoes of the solitude with the poetic tones of civilization

In the valley of the Red water immense gypsum formations were found sufficient, the professor thinks, to fertilize all the arable land of the country and keep the world in a superior article of plaster of paris Springs of pure cold water abound, pasturage is good and the floral display was varied and so attractive as to excite the admiration even of the most prosic natures

The valleys and hillsides were found well wooded, mostly Norway pine, and in many places the forests were blackened by the fierce fires which occasionally rage in that wilderness, Great difficulty was found in serpentining their way into the hills through the almost impassable canons, and equal difficulty in finding egress Once fairly in the parks movement in every direction was easily accomplished The professor spoke in most glowing terms of the natural beauty and picture-queness of the hills and thinks the Grand park, for richness, beauty, and sublimity superior to any tract of equal area on the continent

There are about 100 square miles in Custer's park Many of the minor hills are round and bald, others lightly timbered Immense fragments of rocks lie scattered, interspersed with trees Every species of game common to the west, was found The beavers were building their dams and the grizzly imprinting the sands The feathered tribe were as varied and numerous as their home was secluded and favorable The perils of wandering alone in the hills and the ascent of Harney's Peak, 9,000 feet above the level of the sea were graphically described The Organ mountains are great wonders, and the bad lands east of the hills, in General Sully's language, appear like "the bottom of hell with the fire put out"

The professor had considerable to say in regard to the mineral wealth of the region, but as to the presence of gold he could only refer to General Custer and other reliable men of the expedition as his authority for stating that he believed there was some gold there He was absent with another party during the five days principal prospecting the geological evidence is not over assurance He would advise nobody or bodies of men, to go near the Black Hills before the government has opened the country for settlement Then if they do not find gold they may at least find a beautiful home At present, life would be endangered and disappointment almost certain to follow It is doubtful if quicksilver or even silver exists There is no indications of coal but traces of lignite were found Limestone and sandstone could be easily quarried The hills are probably rich in iron

A CORRESPONDENT'S OPINION

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, writing from Yankton says

It is this class of men, if any who will bring about the opening of the Black Hills next summer There are very many persons, all through the west as well as the east, who are out of employment,—many of them in a state of mind bordering on desperation, and ready to join in any enterprise that promises a change, for this change cannot, as they think, make matters worse, and may make them much better, while the spirit of adventure predominates largely in their make up The average western man cares not a straw what Prof Winchell or any other geologist may have reported concerning gold in the Black Hills He has a contempt for [illegible] men in general, and geologists in particular, and will give more for the opinion of one practical miner than for the combined opinions of all the geologists in the world Scattered over this section are trappers and traders who have been all over the Black Hills region in past years and, whether they are mistaken or not I doubt if there is any one question more firmly answered in the minds of the men I have spoken about, than that as to whether there is gold in the Black Hills They are simply sure that there is, and all the geologists in creation could not shake them in this belief Under this state of facts, I look for much activity in this direction next summer If congress takes no action, and the government continues, as it is bound to do, to interdict the passage of white men over the bounds of the Sioux reservation, I am of the opinion that this will not prevent them from going there On the contrary, with the opening of spring, these men, who care not for hardships and for whom adventure and gold have a special charm, will be found quietly making their way in that direction, in small squads and parties, all having a known rendezvous, and, before the government or its officers are aware of the movement, the Black Hills will be full of white men Once there, what will or can be done with them? The army might be used to *prevent* men from going there, if it could be made available for that purpose, but it cannot be used to drive them out They would be trespassers, going there in direct violation of the orders of the government, but the country has too much admiration for pluck, and too little love for the Indian, to tolerate a warfare upon any considerable number of white men for the mere purpose of favoring the red men, or protecting them in a supposed right to the possession of certain lands

Besides this, white men are getting to be every year more strongly of the opinion that this country belongs to them, and that the Indian must give way to the onward march of civilization They are willing to give the red men all the land they need and teach them how to make a living out of it, and even to feed them, if they will keep quiet and behave themselves, but, when it comes to blocking up the way in this manner, and holding absolute possession of a tract 200 miles square,—enough to give two square miles to every buck, squaw, and pappoose in the tribe,—and not allowing a white man to even cross its bounds, one feels like inquiring, with the author of the "Heathen Chinee"

Is civilization a failure, and is the Caucasian played out?

The fact is, that it is useless to attempt to civilize or educate the Sioux Indians, so long as they have this vast reservation west *of the Missouri to roam over* The Black Hills are prized by them as a place of refuge, and there is not a summer passes during which these Indians, after being fed and clothed by the government, do not commit outrages and depredations along the border, and flee to the Black Hills, where they are perfectly secure from molestation When they are put upon a small reservation, and their subsistence by the government is made conditional upon their good behavior, they may be controlled and civilized For that matter, civilization means death and extermination to the Indian,—the only consolation being, that they are supposed thereby to be able to die more like christians

CRIME.

A Digest of the Week's Transgressions

MUSKOGEE, I T, Dec 17—George Archer, a white man having Cherokee rights of citizenship, who had been at work for Russel McKinney, a half breed, living in the Cherokee nation, and who is now undergoing trial for arson, was murdered on Monday last by McKinney, for remonstrating against his (McKinney's) brutal treatment of a boy

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 17—It has been discovered that the city is systematically plundered through its street cleaning contracts, and the offending board of health is to be investigated and reconstructed

LITTLE ROCK, Dec 17—About 2 o'clock this morning four masked men rode up to the house of a farmer, living about twelve miles from Clarksville, in Johnson county, and after shooting the farmer and choking his wife, robbed him of $600 in currency, and made his escape

MEMPHIS TENN, Dec 16—At Camden, Ark, a day or two since, Mrs Fellowes, wife of the mayor, shot W F Bracey thrice, twice in the head and once in the bowels The lady had been annoyed for some time by Bracey's insults, which he, while drunk, repeated and caused the shooting

PITTSBURG, PA, Dec 16—This morning, about 9 o'clock, Mr John A Aultman, superintendent of the Dubuque Coal Works, located in the thirty seventh ward of this city, while making his usual tour of inspection through the mines, was fired upon by some party as yet unknown, and fatally wounded

HAVANA, ILL Dec 16—Last evening at a dance near Snicarte, Ill, nine miles southwest of Bath, a party named Johnson struck a man named Lundry with a club, crushing in his skull and killing him An old feud caused the act

MILWAUKEE, WIS, Dec 16—Treasurer Ehlers' bondsmen are to be sued for the recovery of $9,850, the amount of that individual's "shortness" It will be well enough for the people to understand that Milwaukee elects democratic officials

ST LOUIS Dec 18—Robert L Willmer and George Rankin, counterfeiters, were arrested at St Louis last night, after a desperate fight, in which Willmer and S S Watts, who was assisting the detectives, were badly wounded

NEW YORK, Dec 17—Wm M Tweed claims that his sentence has expired and will go before the court on Tuesday to gain information on that point

BISMARCK, D T, Dec 13—At 2 a m, yesterday, Jack O'Neil, a notorious rough, was shot through the heart and instantly killed by Paddy Hall, another rough At the time he was shot, O'Neil was hunting Hall with a revolver and shot gun

FORT WAYNE Ind, Dec 17—Last night Elliott Parker was arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of a dastardly attempt to outrage the person of Ellen Dewitt, a child aged 13, residing in Maumee township, a few miles from here

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA, Dec 17—Nathaniel Weston was shot and badly wounded in the head last night, near here by robbers, who were after his money His team ran away, carrying the senseless body of Mr W and the expected booty beyond the reach of the assassins

BARTLETT, IA, Dec 17—Three boys shot and killed a Winnebago Indian near here, Sunday night, because he refused to give them fish

MADISON WIS Dec 18—The trial of Samuel Rindskoff, James M Bull and C Muller, on a charge of defrauding the revenue which has been in progress before the United States district court for two weeks past, was concluded yesterday The jury were out three hours and returned a verdict of guilty as to all of the defendants

MUSKOGEE, I T, Dec 18—Sheriff Joe Vann, while attempting to arrest a notorious outlaw yesterday, named Geo Simmons, near Webber's Falls, near the Cherokee nation, was shot through the abdomen After being shot, the sheriff drew a revolver and shot Simmons through the arm and again through the groin Simmons surrendered and begged for his life Both men are fatally injured They were both Cherokees

CONFLAGRATIONS.

Big and Little Blazes which have Occured During the Week.

BOSTON, Dec 15—Conflagrations occurred in this city last night and to night which involves a loss of $500,000 and threatened at one time to reduce a large portion of the town to ashes While the fire was raging an alarm was sounded from Charlestown and a few engines were sent to the rescue of endangered property in that suburb The total loss, by both fires, is about $600,000 The thermometer was down to 6 degrees below zero

ST PAUL, Dec 15.—About 1,000 cords of wood, belonging to the St Paul and Sioux City and Milwaukee and St Paul railroad companies, was burned this afternoon near Kassata Junction, Minn

ST LOUIS, Dec 15—The calaboose at Osage Mission, Kansas, burned Saturday night Two men named Carter and Foe perished in the flames

ST LOUIS, Dec 16—The St Charles starch factory, at St Charles, Mo, was burned yesterday, with considerable corn and manufactured starch The loss is $55,000, insured for $10,000

BANGOR, ME, Dec 16—A fire on Main street last night destroyed nine stores and the Harrison house The loss is estimated at $70,000, the insurance $30,000

BOSTON, Dec 16,—The losses by the Plympton and Wareham street fire aggregate $590,000, insurance, as far as known, $141,000 The losses by the Charlestown fire aggregate $145 000, insurance, $60,000

HARTFORD CONN, Dec 16—The large mill in Warehouse Point, occupied by the Leonard silk company and the Chapin & Barber silk company, was destroyed by fire this evening The machinery was valuable, and the loss total, and probably over $500,000

MEMPHIS, TENN, Dec 16—A Forest City, (Ark) special to the associated press says a fire broke out at 7 o'clock this morning in the Court House building, which together with a large portion of the records was soon destroyed The total loss will exceed $30,000, with less than $10,000 insurance Izard & Prewett's will reach $15,000, partly insured

ST PAUL, Dec 17—The Kilroy house, on Minnesota street, burned last night with most of its contents Loss $4,500

Personalities

John T Harris, elected to congress from Virginia, served in the American congress before the war, and in the confederate congress during the war

Edward Payson Weston has at last done something He agreed to 100 miles in 22 hours and made it in 21 hours and 44 minutes

The Hon Schuyler Colfax is in the lecture field this winter During the last three weeks he has received no less than a hundred invitations to speak

The proper person to personate the Goddess of Liberty at the Centennial Exposition has been found in Crawford county, Pa, in the person of Mrs Cook, who will be just 100 years of age on the 4th day of July, 1876

Hon James H Hopkins who has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, is member of congress from the Pittsburg district

The Williams family is destined to take fully as large a place in the new congress as the Washburns did in times past Alabama, Delaware, Indiana, New York, and Wisconsin send one each, and Michigan two—total, seven

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

Hostetter's United States Almanac 1875, for distribution *gratis*, throughout the United States, and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere will be published about the first of January, in the English, German French, Norwegian, Welsh, Swedish Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes, prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the merchant, the mechanic, the miner the farmer, the planter, and professional man, and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive National Calendar

The nature, uses, and extraordinary sanitary effects of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters the staple tonic and alterative of more than half the Christian world are fully set forth in its pages, which are also interspersed with pictorial illustrations, valuable receipts for the household and farm, humorous anecdotes and other instructive and amusing reading matter, original and selected Among the Annuals to appear with the opening of the year, this will be one of the most useful and may be had for the asking The proprietors, Messrs Hostetter & Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa, on receipt of a two cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in their neighborhood The Bitters are sold by druggists in every town and village, and are extensively used throughout the entire civilized world.

UNITED STATES MAIL.

DAKOTA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, Dec 7 1874

PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 o'clock p m of March 1st, 1875 (to be decided by the 20th of March) for carrying the mails of the United States from July 1, 1875 to June 30 1878 on the following routes in the Territory of Dakota and by the schedule of departures and arrivals herein specified, viz

35013 from Canton by Beloit (Iowa) Farmers and Irene, to Lemars (Iowa) 53 miles and back once a week
Leave Canton Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Lemars by 8 p m,
Leave Lemars Saturday at 8 a m
Arrive at Canton by 8 p m
Bond required with bid, $700

35044 from Fort Sully to Lake Kampeska (n o) 150 miles and back, once a week
Leave Fort Sully Tuesday at 7 a m
Arrive at Lake Kampeska Friday at 6 p m
Leave Lake Kampeska Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Fort Sully Thursday by 6 p m
Bond required with bid, $2,500

35045 from Mechling by Startown (n o) and Danville, to Swan Lake, 27 miles and back, once a week
Leave Mechling Friday at 8 a m
Arrive at Swan Lake by 5 p m,
Leave Swan Lake Saturday at 7 a m
Arrive at Mechling by 5 p m
Bond required with bid $100

35046 from Wahpeton, by Fort Wadsworth (n o) Ghedi Lake (n o) Small Wood Lake (n o) and Fish Battle (n o), to Fort Sully 250 miles and back, once a week
Leave Wahpeton Monday at 7 a m
Arrive at Fort Sully Saturday by 6 p m
Leave Fort Sully Monday at 7 a m
Arrive at Wahpeton Saturday by 6 p m
Bond required with bid, $3 500

35047 from Yankton, by Walshtown and Mennonite Village (n o), to Childstown, 15 miles and back once a week
Leave Yankton Friday at 8 a m
Arrive at Childstown by 5 p m
Leave Childstown Saturday at 8 a m
Arrive at Yankton by 5 p m

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS, ETC

OATH OF MAIL CONTRACTORS AND CARRIERS REQUIRED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JUNE 8 1872

I ——— do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform all the duties required of me, and abstain from everything forbidden by the laws in relation to the establishment of post offices and post-roads within the United States and that I will honestly and truly account for and pay over any money belonging to the said United States which may come into my possession or control So help me God

By section 16 of the act of June 8 1872 every person employed in the postal service is subject to all the pains, penalties, and forfeitures for violation of the laws relating to such service whether he has taken the above oath or affirmation or not

SECTIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS TO REVISE, CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE STATUTES RELATING TO THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT APPROVED JUNE 8, 1874

The Postmaster General requests that bidders guarantors sureties and all persons concerned or intending to be concerned in mail contracts, will carefully read and critically examine the abstracts of laws here presented and also the forms and instructions at the end of this advertisement, in order that bids may be made and liabilities assumed understandingly and that all misapprehensions or cause of complaint hereafter may be avoided

Postmasters are required to make themselves familiar with these laws and instructions that they may be able to inform and direct others

Postmasters, clerks, &c, cannot be contractors

Sec 78 That no postmaster assistant postmaster, or clerk employed in any post office shall be a contractor or concerned in a contract for carrying the mail

Persons in the employ of the Post Office Department (including postmasters) cannot become interested in a mail contract nor act as agent of contractors or bidders

Sec 12 That no person employed in the Post Office Department shall become interested in any contract for carrying the mail, or act as agent, with or without compensation, for any contractor or person offering to become a contractor in any business before the Department, and any person so offending shall be immediately dismissed from office and shall be liable to pay so much money as would have been realized from said contract, to be recovered in an action of debt for the use of the Post Office Department

By regulation of the Department no carrier should be employed who is under sixteen years of age and no bidder will be accepted who is under twenty one years of age, or who is a married woman

Conveyance of letters out of the mail Private expresses &c

Sec 227 That any person concerned in carrying any letter or packet, or cause or procure the same to be done, contrary to law shall on conviction thereof for every such offense, forfeit and pay not exceeding fifty dollars

Sec 228 That no person shall establish any private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, or in any manner cause or provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips or at stated periods over any post route which is or may be established by law or from any city, town, or place to any other city town or place between which the mail is regularly carried and every person so offending, or aiding or assisting therein shall for each offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty dollars

Sec 229 That the owner of every stage coach, railway car, steamboat or other vehicle or vessel which shall with the knowledge of any owner, in whole or in part or with the knowledge of connivance of the driver conductor master, or other person having charge of the same convey any person acting or employed as a private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, and actually in possession of the same for the purpose of conveying them contrary to the spirit true intent and meaning of this law shall for every such offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty dollars

Sec 230 That no person shall transmit by private express or other unlawful means, or deliver to any agent of such unlawful express or deposit or cause to be deposited at any appointed place, for the purpose of being transmitted, any letter or packet and for every such offence the party so offending shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars

Sec 231 That no stage coach railway car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel which regularly perform trips at stated periods on any post route, or from any city, town or place to any other city town, or place between which the mail is regularly carried, shall carry, otherwise than in the mail any letters or packets, except such as relate to some part of the cargo of such steamboat or other vessel, or to some article carried at the same time by the same stage coach, railway car or other vehicle except as provided in section two hundred and thirty nine and for every such offense the owner of the stage coach, railway car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, and the driver conductor, master or other person having charge thereof and not at the time owner of the whole or any part thereof shall in like manner forfeit and pay for every such offense fifty dollars

(Section 239 permits conveyance of letters in stamped envelopes other wise than by mail)

The manner in which proposals shall be made, and the

LIABILITY OF POSTMASTERS

Sec 245 That every proposal for carrying the mail shall be accompanied by the bond of the bidder with sureties approved by a postmaster, and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars, by a postmaster of the first second or third class in a sum to be designated by the Postmaster General in the advertisement of each route to which bond a condition shall be annexed that if the said bidder shall within such time after his bid is accepted as the Postmaster General shall prescribe, enter into a contract with the United States of America, with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General to perform the service proposed in his said bid, and, further that he shall perform the said service according to his contract, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law and in case of failure of any bidder to enter into such contract to perform the service, or, having executed a contract, in case of failure to perform the service according to his contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the amount of said bond as liquidated damages to be recovered in an action of debt on the said bond No proposal shall be considered unless it shall be accompanied by such bond, and there shall have been affixed to said proposal the oath of the bidder, taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths, that he has the ability pecuniarily, to fulfill his obligations, and that the bid is made in good faith and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case his bid is acccepted

Sec 246 That before the bond of a bidder provided for in the aforesaid section is approved, there shall be indorsed thereon the oaths of the sureties herein taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths that they are owners of real estate worth in the aggregate, a sum double the amount of the said bond over and above all debts due and owing by them, and all judgments, mortgages and executions against them, after allowing all exemptions of every character whatever

Sec 247 That any postmaster who shall affix his signature to the approval of any bond of a bidder, or to the certificate of sufficiency of sureties in any contract before the said bond or contract is signed by the bidder or contractor and his sureties, or shall knowingly or without the exercise of due diligence approve any bond of a bidder with insufficient sureties or shall knowingly make any false or fraudulent certificate, shall be forthwith dismissed from office, and be thereafter disqualified from holding the office of postmaster, and shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both

Service to be awarded to the lowest bidder Bids of failing contractors may not be considered

Sec 249 That all contracts for carrying the mail shall be in the name of the United States and shall be awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security thereof, but the Postmaster General shall not be bound to consider the bid of any person who has willfully or negligently failed to perform a former contract

Combinations to prevent bidding prohibited

Sec 263 That no contract for carrying the mail shall be made with any person who has entered or proposed to enter into any combination to prevent the making of any bid for carrying the mail, or who has made any agreement or given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration whatever to induce any other person not to bid for any such contract, and if any person so offending is a contractor for carrying the mail, his contract may be annulled, and for the first offense the person so offending shall be disqualified to contract for carrying the mail for five years, and for the second offense shall be forever disqualified

Failing bidders and contractors Contracts may be extended, and temporary contracts made

Sec 251 That after any regular bidder whose bid has been accepted shall fail to enter into contract for the transportation of the mails according to his proposal, or having entered into contract, shall fail to commence the performance of the service stipulated in his or their contract as therein provided the Postmaster General shall proceed to contract with the next lowest bidder for the same service who will enter into a contract for the performance thereof, unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high in which case he shall re advertise such service —And if any bidder whose bid has been accepted, and who has entered into a contract to perform the service according to his proposal, and in pursuance of his contract has entered upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General, shall subsequently fail or refuse to perform the service according to his contract, the Postmaster General shall proceed to contract with the next lowest bidder for such service, under the advertisement thereof, (unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high,) who will enter into contract and give bond, with sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General, for the faithful performance thereof, in the same penalty and with the same terms and conditions thereto annexed as were stated and contained in the bond which ——— accompanied his bid, ders for such service whose respective bids are not considered too high by the Postmaster General shall refuse to enter into contract and give bond as herein required for the faithful performance of his contract the Postmaster General shall immediately advertise for proposals to perform the service on said route Whenever an accepted bidder shall fail to enter into contract or a contractor on any mail route shall fail or refuse to perform the service on said route according to his contract or when a new route shall be established, or new service required, or when from any other cause there shall not be a contractor legally bound or required to perform such service the Postmaster General may make a temporary contract for carrying the mail on such route without advertisement for such period as may be necessary, not in any case exceeding six months until the service shall have commenced under a contract made according to law *Provided however*, That the Postmaster General shall not employ temporary service on any route at a higher price than that paid to the contractor who shall have performed the service during the last preceding regular contract term. And in all cases of regular contracts hereafter made the contract may in the discretion of the Postmaster General be continued in force beyond its express terms for a *period not exceeding six months until a new contract* with the same or other contractors, shall be made by the Postmaster General

Bidders not released until a contract is entered into and service begun

Sec 252 That no bidder for carrying the mails shall be released from his obligation under his bid or proposal notwithstanding an award made to a lower bidder until a contract for the designated service shall have been duly executed by such lower bidder and his sureties and accepted, and the service entered upon by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General

CERTIFIED CHECKS OR DRAFTS TO ACCOMPANY ALL BIDS EXCEEDING $5,000

Sec 253 That hereafter all bidders upon every mail route for the transportation of the mails upon the same, where the annual compensation for the service on such route at the time exceeds the sum of five thousand dollars shall accompany their bids with a certified check, or draft, payable to the order of the Postmaster General upon some solvent national bank which check or draft shall not be less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on said route at the time such bid is made and in case of new or modified service not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond of the bidder required to accompany his bid, if the amount of the said bond exceeds five thousand dollars In case any bidder, on being awarded any such contract, shall fail to execute the same with good and sufficient sureties, according to the terms on which such bid was made and accepted and enter upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General such bidder shall in addition to his liability on his bond accompanying his bid forfeit the amount so deposited to the United States, and the same shall forthwith be paid into the treasury for the use of the post office department but if such contract shall be duly executed and the service entered upon as aforesaid, such draft or check so deposited and the checks or drafts deposited by all other bidders on the same route, shall be returned to the respective bidders making such deposits No proposals for the transportation of the mails where the amount of the bond required to accompany the same shall exceed five thousand dollars shall be considered, *unless accompanied with the check or draft here* in required together with the bond required by a preceding section *Provided* That nothing in this act shall be construed or intended to affect any penalties or forfeitures which have heretofore accrued under the provisions of the sections hereby amended

Failing contractors guilty of a misdemeanor

Sec 254 That any person or persons bidding for the transportation of the mails upon any route which may be advertised to be let, and receiving an award of the contract for such service, who shall wrongfully refuse or fail to enter into contract with the Postmaster General in due form, and perform the service described in his or their bid or proposal shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months

No pay to be made until contracts are executed

Sec 259 That no person whose bid for carrying the mail is accepted shall receive any pay until he has executed his contract according to law and the regulations of the department

Compensation for additional service restricted and regulated

Sec 260 That compensation for additional service in carrying the mail shall not be in excess of the exact proportion which the original compensation bears to the original service and when any such additional service is ordered the sum to be allowed therefor shall be expressed in the order and entered upon the books of the department and no compensation shall be paid for any additional regular service rendered before the issuing of such order

Sec 261 That no extra allowance shall be made for any increase of expedition in carrying the mail unless thereby the employment of additional stock and carriers is made necessary, and in such case the additional compensation shall bear no greater proportion to the additional stock and carriers necessarily employed than the compensation in the original contract bears to the stock and carriers necessarily employed in its execution

Deductions may be made, and fines imposed for delinquencies

Sec 266 That the postmaster general may make deductions from the pay of contractors for failures to perform service according to contract and impose fines upon them for other delinquencies He may deduct the price of the trip in all cases where the trip is not performed and not exceeding three times the price if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier

Contracts cannot be assigned or transferred

Sec 271 That no contractor for transporting the mail within or between the United States and any foreign country shall assign or transfer his contract and all such assignments or transfers shall be null and void

Schedules to be furnished and posted up in post offices Registers to be returned and reports made

Sec 70 That the postmaster general shall furnish to the postmasters at the termination of each route a schedule of the time of arrival and departure of the mail at their offices, respectively to be posted in a conspicuous place in the office, and the postmaster general shall also give the postmaster notice of any change in the arrival and departure that may be ordered and he shall cause to be kept and returned to the department, at short and regular intervals registers showing the exact times of the arrivals and departures of the mail

By act of congress approved April 21, 1808, no member of congress can be a contractor or be concerned directly or indirectly in any contract with the government, and by the same act it is made a high misdemeanor for any officer of the United States to enter in its behalf, into a contract with a member of congress

[But if a member withdraw from a contract it may be concluded with the other partners —*Opinion of Attorney General* 1 47 A contract with one who is elected a member of congress during its continuance is not affected by such election — *Ibid*, 5, 697]

The postmaster general has no power, under the law, to release bidders and contractors and their sureties from their liabilities on the allegation of real or supposed mistakes of any kind in making proposals He particularly requests that, before bidding the fullest inquiry and investigation be made in regard to the route, distance, service, weight of mails, cost of stock feed, and all expenses existing and likely to occur during the contract term, and with due consideration of the consequences imposed by law on delinquents

CONTRACTS TO BE EXECUTED AND FILED IN THE DEPARTMENT BY THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE

Under the provisions of section 245 of the act approved June 23 1874, the postmaster general has prescribed the 1st day of June 1875 on or before which day the contracts of accepted bidders must be received at the department in Washington executed in due form

Accepted bidders not complying with this regulation shall be considered as having failed to comply with their proposals and the postmaster general may proceed to contract for the service with other parties, according to law.

CONTRACTS RECEIVED AT THE DEPARTMENT AFTER JUNE 1ST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

FORM OF PROPOSAL, BOND AND CERTIFICATE

Proposal

The undersigned ———— ————, whose post office address is ————, county of ———— state of ———— proposes to carry the mails of the United States, from July 1 1875, to June 30 187 on route No ————, between ———— and ———— state of ———— under the advertisement of the postmaster general dated December 7 1874, "with celerity, certainty and security," for the annual sum of ———— dollars and if this proposal is accepted he will enter into contract with sureties to be approved by the postmaster general, within the time prescribed in said advertisement

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service, and also after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of mail service

Dated ———— ————, Bidder

Oath required by section 245 of an act of congress approved June 23, 1874, to be affixed to each bid for carrying the mail and to be taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths

I ———— ————, of ————, bidder for carrying the mail on route No ————, from ———— to ————, do swear that I have the ability pecuniarily, to fulfill my obligation as such bidder that the bid is made in good faith and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case said bid shall be accepted

Sworn to and subscribed before me, ———— ———— for the ———— of ———— this ———— day of ————, A D 187, and in [SEAL] testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the official seal the day and year above ud

————, ————,

NOTE —When the oath is taken before a justice of the peace, or other officer not using a seal, except a judge of a United States court, the certificate of the clerk of a court of record must be added under his seal of office that the person who administered the oath is duly qualified as such officer

Bids of $5 000 and upward must be accompanied by a certified check or draft, on some solvent national bank, payable to the order of the postmaster general equal to 5 per centum on the present annual pay on the route, or in case of new service not less than 5 per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid, if said bond exceeds $5 000

The proposal must be *signed* by the bidder or bidders and the date of signing affixed

Direct to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department Washington, D C, marked 'Proposals, State of———'

BOND

Directions

☞ Insert the names of the principal and sureties in full in the body of the bond also the date The signatures to the bond should be witnessed, and the certificate on the inside should be signed by a justice of the peace, adding his official title, or if signed by a notary public, he should affix his seal

Know all men by these presents, that ———— ————, of ————, in the state of ————, principal and ———— and ———— of ———— in the state of ———— as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the just and full sum of ———— dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States of America or its duly appointed or authorized officer or officers to the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents

Sealed with our seals, and dated this ———— day of ————, 187

Whereas, by an act of congress approved June 23, 1874, entitled an act making appropriations for the service of the post office department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy five, and for other purposes," it is provided "that every proposal for carrying the mail shall be accompanied by the bond of the bidder, with sureties approved by a postmaster," in pursuance whereof, and in compliance with the provisions of said law, this bond is made and executed subject to all the terms conditions and remedies thereon in the said act provided and prescribed, to accompany the aforegoing and annexed proposal of the said

Now the condition of the said obligation is such that if the said ————, bidder as aforesaid, shall within such time after his bid is accepted as the postmaster general has prescribed in said advertisement of route No ———— to wit, on or before the 1st day of June, 1875, enter into a contract with the United States of America with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the postmaster general to perform the service proposed in his said bid, and further shall perform said service according to his contract then this obligation shall be void otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this ———— day of ————, 187
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Witness ————

STATE OF ———— } ss
COUNTY OF ———— }

On this ———— day of ————, 187, personally appeared before me, ———— and ———— sureties in the aforegoing bond to me known to be the persons named in said bond as sureties and who have executed the same as such who being by me duly sworn depose and say and each for himself deposes and says, he has executed the within bond, that his place of residence is correctly stated therein, that he is the owner of real estate worth the sum hereinafter set against his name over and above all debts due and owing by him and all judgments mortgages and executions against him, after allowing all exemptions of every character whatever the total sum thus assured amounting to ($) dollars
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Subscribed and sworn before me this ———— day of ————, 187

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NOTE —When the above oath is taken before a justice of the peace or any other officer not using a seal except a judge of a U S Court the certificate of the clerk of a court of record must be added under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is duly qualified as such officer

STATE OF ———— } ss
COUNTY OF ———— }

I, ————, clerk of the ———— the same being a court of record, do hereby certify that ———— whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing affidavit was, at the time of signing the same a justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid duly qualified and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand as clerk and affixed the seal of said court, on this ———— day of ———— 187

[L S] ————, Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTMASTER

I, the undersigned postmaster at ————, state of ———— after the exercise of due diligence to inform myself of the pecuniary ability and responsibility of the principal and his sureties in the aforegoing bond and of the unincumbered real estate owned by them respectively, do hereby approve said bond and certify that the said sureties are sufficient—sufficient to insure the payment of double the entire amount of the said bond, and I do further certify that the said bond was duly signed by ————, ———— and ———— and ————, his sureties, before signing this certificate

————, Postmaster

Dated ———— 187

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS

Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the department may deem proper

1 Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office when not otherwise specified for assorting the mails

2 On routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it the special agents of the post office department, also post office blanks mail bags, locks and keys are to be conveyed without extra charge

3 Way bills or receipts, prepared by postmasters or other agents of the department will accompany the mails, specifying the number and destination of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters to insure regularity in the delivery of bags and pouches

4 No pay will be made for trips not performed and for each of such omissions if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier three times the pay of the trip will be deducted For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified enlarged penalties proportioned to the nature thereof and the importance of the mail may be made

5 For leaving behind or throwing off the mail, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail a quarter's pay may be deducted

6 Fines will be imposed unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time for neglecting to take the mail from or deliver it into, a post office, for suffering it to be wet, injured destroyed, robbed, or lost and for refusing, after demand to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs or is concerned in running a coach, car, or steamboat on a route

7 The postmaster general may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the department for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the department to do so, for running an express as aforesaid, or for transporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail

8 The postmaster general may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a *pro rata* increase on the contract pay He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases and particularly to make them conform to connections with railroads without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged The postmaster general may also discontinue or curtail the service in whole or in part, in order to place on the route superior service or whenever the public interests in his judgment, shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause, he allowing as full, indemnity to contractor, one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with and a *pro rata* compensation for the amount of service retained and continued

9 Payments will be made by collections from, or drafts on postmasters or otherwise after the expiration of each quarter—say in November, February May and August, provided that required evidence of service has been received

10 The distances given are believed to be substantially correct but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points to be supplied are correctly stated *Bidders must inform themselves on this point* and also in reference to the weight of the mail the condition of hills roads, streams &c and all toll bridges, turnpikes, plank roads, ferries or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred No claim for additional pay, based on such ground can be considered, *nor for* alleged mistakes or misapprehension as to the degree of service, nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued or other obstructions causing or increasing distance or expense occurring during the contract term Offices established after this advertisement is issued and also during the contract term are to be visited without extra pay if the distance be not increased

11 Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the department by the day and hour named in the advertisement, as bids received after that time *will not be considered* in competition with bids of reasonable amount received in time Neither can bids be considered which are without the bond oath and certificate required by section 245 act of June 23 1874

12 Bidders should first propose for service strictly according to the advertisement and then, if they desire *separately* for different service, and if the *regular* bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered

13 There should be but one route bid for in a proposal Consolidated or combination bids (proposing one sum for two or more routes ') cannot be considered

14 The route the service, the yearly pay the name and residence of the bidder, (that is his usual post office address,) and the name of each member of a firm where a company offers, should be distinctly stated

15 Bidders are requested to use, as far as practicable the printed proposals furnished by the department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them

Altered bids should not be submitted No withdrawal of a bid will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received twenty four hours previous to the time fixed for opening the proposals

16 In case of failure of the accepted bidder to execute a contract or of the abandonment of service during the contract term, the service will be re advertised and re let at the expense of the failing bidder or contractor

17 The postmaster general reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant, and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders (Act of June 8, 1872, section 249)

18 The bid should be sealed superscribed "Mail Proposals, State of ———" addressed "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office"

19 Every proposal must be accompanied by a bond with sureties approved by a postmaster and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars ($5,000) by a postmaster of the first, second or third class Bids for service, the pay for which at the time of advertisement exceeds five thousand dollars ($5,000) must be accompanied by a certified check or draft, payable to the order of the postmaster general, on some solvent national bank, of not less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on such route, and in case of new or modified service not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid If the amount of said bond exceeds ($5 000) five thousand dollars

The amount of bond required with bids and the present pay when it exceeds ($5 000) five thousand dollars, are stated in the advertisement under the appropriate route

20 All checks deposited with bids will be held until contract is executed and *service commenced* by the accepted bidder *Checks will then be returned by mail on the written request of the bidder*

21 Transfers of contracts or of interest in contracts are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed Neither can bids, or interest in bids be transferred or assigned to other parties Bidders will therefore take notice that they will be expected to perform the service awarded to them through the whole contract term

22 Section 249 of the act of June 8, 1872, provides that contracts for the transportation of the mail shall be "awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security thereof" Under this law bids that propose to transport the mails with celerity certainty and security, having been decided to be the only legal bids, are construed as providing for the entire mail however large and whatever may be the mode of conveyance necessary to insure its "celerity, certainty and security,' and have the preference over all others, and no others are considered, except for steamboat routes

23 A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid, and cannot be received so as to interfere with regular competition Making a new bid in proper form is the only way to modify a previous one

24 Postmasters are cautioned not to sign the approval of the bond of any bidder before the bond is signed by the bidder and his sureties, and not until entirely satisfied of the sufficiency of the sureties See sections 246 and 247, act of June 23, 1874 accompanying this advertisement

25 Postmasters are also liable to dismissal from office for acting as agents of contractors or bidders, with or without compensation, in any business, matter, or thing relating to the mail service They are the trusted agents of the department, and cannot consistently act in both capacities

26 In all cases where the routes are not fully supplied with the necessary locks and pouches it is the duty of the postmaster at the head of the route to make requisition on the contract office of this department for such locks and pouches before 1st July next, provided the route be let

MARSHALL JEWELL
Postmaster General

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His stock is New, Fashionable and Varied and embraces everything imaginable in the Furnishing Line

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WHOLESALE

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And Dealers in

Liquors,

Tobacco,

and Cigars,

BROADWAY,

no11-1y YANKTON.

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 24 1874

LOCAL MATTERS.

Mittens in every style at the P O N D

If you want a good cigar call at Brown's

Ladies furs from $5 00 to $7 00 at Fowler & Ketchum's

Boots and shoes at grasshopper prices at John A Weeks' boot and shoe store

Eight pounds for $1 of splendid Sliced dried Apples at J A Kent's 2w

Three pleasant rooms for rent Enquire of Williams & Co Broadway

Alberti & Bremner Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Capital Drug Store 1y

Boots and shoes cheaper than you ever saw them—east or west—at Ketchum Bros

The Saengerbund Association of Yankton will give a grand ball at Stone's Hall on Saturday evening December 26th

The Episcopal and Congregational societies will each present a Christmas tree this evening at their respective churches

The enterprising jewelry firm, Potter & Wood have moved into a new and handsomely arranged store on Third street

The Wednesday night's train from Sioux City was delayed until morning between Sioux City and Vermillion, by the breaking of the locomotive

At the M E Church Thursday evening an entertainment and a Christmas tree will be given. Order of exercises, commencing at 7 o'clock to which all are invited

Fine New York salt by pound or barrel at Ketchum Bros

Tickets for the Saengerbund ball, on Saturday evening will not be sold at the door. They can be had at A Schandein's, Third street, or at John Schnell's bar opposite the post office

Potter & Wood's jewelry store has been moved from Second to Third street, next door to the Excelsior Drug house. Their stock for the holidays is the finest and most ever opened in Yankton

Ten pair merino hose for 25 cents at Fowler & Ketchum's

M I Wooley, Esq, one of the reliable business men of Yankton, has purchased the grocery store heretofore owned by L Lorenzen in Morrison's block on Capital street and is now giving his exclusive attention to that business

Selling at cost to close out the stock, at Ketchum Bros

We have received several handsome cuts and designs for New Years cards, and are prepared to furnish callers with something that will strike their fancy. As a matter of convenience to us, we suggest that orders be sent in as early as possible

An appropriate Christmas gift for your daughter can be found among the goods at Ketchum's

The person who sent a land warrant to T T Price College Mound Texas in ... and neglected to put a name to the letter will call at the post office he can get the same, it having been returned from the Dead Letter office to the post master here

Rye flour—a very superior article, recommended for invalids and valuable to every body at Gregory Brothers on Broadway

Eleman extends a cordial invitation to the members of the Legislature to call at his store on Broadway and take a walk through the establishment. The honorable gentlemen should accept this invitation at an early day. It will strengthen their confidence in the mercantile interests of Dakota

Children attention!—Fowler & Ketchum will give you a nice Christmas present if you will come to their store. Now is the time

Mr. Morrow has added several feet to his gallery which now gives him a large and commodious studio. We are surprised and at the same time pleased to find in this remote section, an artist so capable and accomplished. His productions are equal to any of the best eastern galleries, and is a credit to our young and growing city 33

Yankton Literary Association

The regular meeting of the Yankton Literary Association was held at the academy building on Monday evening and in addition to several interesting essays the following subject was discussed

Resolved That the statesmen of the present are equal to the statesmen of the past age.

Affirmative—P K Faulk, W D Russell, H W Reed. Negative—A W Howard, J R Gamble, S Drew. The decision of the chair was in favor of the affirmative. Some excellent music was also furnished by Mr Judge Shannon and Col Eddy. The Association was notified that it can no longer have the use of the academy for its meetings. The following is the question selected for discussion next Monday evening

Resolved That the government of Great Britain is superior to that of the United States.

Good speakers are assigned to both sides of this issue, and good musical and literary exercises of a varied character will also be provided

House Wanted—A residence with four to six rooms wanted, for which reason the rent will be promptly paid. Apply to W W James, P O bookstore 1t

New England Supper.

Notwithstanding the announcement to the contrary, made in last week's issue of the Press and Dakotaian, the ladies of the Congregational church held their New England Supper on Thursday evening. Probabilities, unpropitious predictions and the forbidding aspect of the clouds in duced them to make announcement of the postponement of the entertainment, but subsequent favorable weather and the consideration of the fact that the pork and beans had already been baked for the feast induced a change in the programme and the affair came off on the evening mentioned in the upper rooms of the court house. The rooms were crowded with Yankton's fair dames and their masculine satellites. Territorial officials, legislators, professional men, merchants and most every body else were indiscriminately mixed up with the profusion of good things prepared for the stomach's sake—but out of this chaos of enjoyment has come a substantial profit to the ladies of the Congregational society in the shape of $225 net profit. The evening was worth it to those who contributed to the sum total and it seems to be the universal wish that New England suppers may be many and not far between

An intelligent and reliable contraband was knocked down and nearly trampled to death on Monday evening, by the crowd rushing into Parmer's dry goods store. Parmer gave the injured African a new suit of clothes to repair damages and call it square, and that settled it

Fowler & Ketchum's store is daily crowded with people selecting Christmas and New Years' gifts. Their selection of dress goods cannot be surpassed by houses in larger cities

Farmers will take notice, that Morrow will take wood corn, hay or vegetables in exchange for photos and allow 10 per cent above market rates for them

Brown has the most complete assortment of holiday goods to be found in the market. Call and see for yourselves

Santa Claus at home from 8 a m to 10 p m at the Post office News depot

One 50 gallon oil can will be sold at a bargain at Fowler & Ketchum's

UBIQUITIES

The ice packing season is upon us

No church is too weak to take up a collection

Jonah was a stranger, and the whales took him in

A mother in law in the house is a well spring of jaws

Time will only hang up his scythe when he is no mower

Monday, December 21st was the shortest day of the season

When was the greatest freak of nature? When Mary had a little lamb

Governor Peck of Vermont is a bachelor. Marrying would make half a bushel of him

A Sioux City man makes the winter seem short by giving his note, payable in the spring

The meanest man in the world is the man who knows where Charley Ross is and wont tell

The holiday trade in Yankton thus far has been far better than the most sanguine dealers had anticipated

Charles Eiseman of this city, very generously offers to donate ground for the contemplated immigrants' home

The Scandinavian members of the legislature voted almost to a man against the repeal of the law prohibiting masked balls

We give up on the card deal. The Herald knows too many games for a pilgrim. Give us something easy till we get used to you

The second lecture of the Yankton Literary Association course will be delivered on the 10th of January by Col J P Sanford

The Toledo Herald hopes if Kalakaua sells his kingdom to the United States, he will buy a suit of clothes. He owns a shirt now

We realized a few large handfulls of snow from last week's juvenile blizzard, but it was sufficient to bring out all the cutters in town

As an evidence of the prevailing hardness of the times it is worthy of mention that a couple of $125 diamonds were sold in Yankton this week

Colorado started a college a few weeks ago, and up to date its inmates consist of one woman, three Indians, a buffalo calf and a Professor of Botany

Hard wood is selling in Yankton for four dollars per cord and it is easy to get at that, if one has the money. One cord pays for the Press and Dakotaian for two years

The Duluth Tribune continues to give its readers two and one half pages per week of an intensely interesting serial entitled 'Delinquent Tax List of St Louis County'

The Yankton Saengerbund proposes to celebrate Christmas night with a dance at Stone's hall, and have issued invitations containing an announcement to that effect

Last Saturday was one of Yankton's lively business days, and it has about six every week. On Sundays the people very properly take their season of rest after the week's busy rush

Since L D Parmer began to sell goods at grasshopper prices the Nebraskaians from over the river are making their head quarters at his store. They say he is as good as a relief committee

The Sioux City Times is the only weekly paper between the Father of waters and the Occident which maintains at its own expense a corps of lynx eyed reporters. The rest of us do our own reporting

A little girl reading the 'History of England' with her mother, and coming to the statement that Henry I never laughed after the death of his son, looked up and said 'What did he do when he was tickled?'

The mild serenity of the weather is still a fit subject for comment and is becoming more so every day. Southern Dakota announces its readiness to compete with the world for the first premium on desirable climates

A man had better have a millstone tied to his neck and be cast into the sea than to promise to marry a Texas girl and then refuse. The whole country turns out to hunt him, and he is generally left to grow up with a tree

The Congregational society cleared $225 from their New England supper, a portion of which will be devoted to the liquidation of indebtedness for church improvements and the balance ($90) is laid aside as the beginning of an organ fund

Billy Snider, of State Center, Iowa has arrested Mr Mitten for placing a crooked pin in a chair in church. It is alleged that Mr. Snider sat down on the pin and that it kept him in such a state of uneasiness that he lost about two thirds of the sermon

The Selma (Ala) Times makes the following touching paragraph in relation to one of our dead heroes "Col Trumbull, of Gen Sheridan's staff during his infamous ride through the valley, is dead and 'gone to the devil where he belongs'"

The moon, on Saturday night, looked down upon Yankton through an atmosphere filled with minute frozen particles, producing the phenomenon of three beautiful rings, one encircling that orb and the other two throwing their bands of light across its face

An energetic lady in Olwein, Iowa, laments her inability to vote. 'Why, if I were a man' she said recently, 'I'd go to the polls if I had to be laid on a feather bed, placed on a stone boat, and hauled by a blind ox with one leg broken but I'd vote' But what's the use of talking?

It has been whispered in our ear by a fellow who is out of overshoes, that an occasional exhibition of intimacy between the owners of Yankton sidewalks and the handles of hard wood snow shovels would relieve pedestrians of their tendency to profane ejaculations. Perhaps so

The Cedar County Advocate, in making notice of the recent change in the Press and Dakotaian, closes its article with the following suggestion '*Damnum absque injuria*' That's farther than we have got in the italic language but it doesn't seem to us as though we ever did that to any body

Prof Marsh, a scientist of Fargo, who has been roaming about among the bad lands south of the Black Hills for a year or so has finally returned, and to the great joy of the inhabitants has brought back a bag of bones, which he thinks will make things lively in Fargo when Gabriel sounds his trump

One of the gentlemen who is engaged in supplying Yankton with water from the Missouri, was shot at the other day by an individual who claims that the river bank is outside of anybody's jurisdiction, and that he therefore has a right to sling bullets around at his own pleasure. As the grimy gunpowder chap likes to enjoy himself, he proposes to enjoy his peculiar prerogatives, but our water carrying friend would really like to know how long the privilege is going to last

Say to the people that
Every article of clothing
Is the latest
Style, is durably and
Economically
Manufactured
At the largest clothing house
North of St Louis,
& ready made
Clothing in the best goods
Of every variety

Wanted to Purchase

a few copies of the laws of 1867-8, for which a liberal price will be paid. Apply to Geo H Hand

Oysters! Oysters!! Oysters!!!

By the case can, or cooked and served in every style at Waldron's, 3d st, near Broadway

Just One Dollar

Will buy eight pounds of dried apples, at Gregory Brothers on Broadway

Fowler & Ketchum will supply the boys with paper collars at 5 cents a box. Now is your time, boys

The most sugar, coffee, tea and syrup for $1 00, at Ketchum Bros

PERSONAL.

A M English has completed his visit at Forest, Minn, and returned to Yankton

Commodore Coulson and wife have gone to Pittsburg to spend the remainder of the winter

L W Weston, of Elk Point, attorney for the D S R R Co, looked in upon us last Tuesday

M A Baker, sheriff elect of Yankton county returned from an extended eastern visit on Tuesday night

Hon W A Burleigh, his wife and sister in law, Mrs Kelley returned this week from a visit at the east

Rev J J McIntire, of Finlay, territorial superintendent of instruction was one of Tuesday's visitors at the Press and Dakotaian office

Councilman Lawrence, whose illness was reported in the Press of the 17th has so far recovered as to be able to attend the sessions of the council

Hon O B Larson, the representative from the Clay county district was called home suddenly on Monday by intelligence of sickness in his family

Ben C Ash, of Yankton, has been appointed Deputy Marshal for the Northern country to take the place of C J Miller, recently drowned in the Missouri near Bismarck

F J Cross of Sioux Falls, commissioner of immigration elect, who is in town on business connected with the erection of an immigrant house here, called on us last Tuesday

W G Press, Esq, formerly a real estate broker of Yankton but now connected with the Union Woven Wire Mattress Co, of Chicago, will spend the holidays in Yankton

Hon Walter J S Traill, of Grand Forks, Northern Dakota, one of the five commissioners appointed by the governor to look after the territory's interests at the centennial exposition, is in the city

Joel H Wicker is the name of an Internal Revenue store keeper recently appointed by the President for the 7th district of Illinois. If it is Joel of Dakota Southern fame, the Press and Dakotaian tenders its congratulations

Yankton Quintette Band.

Wm Nelson, leader and director. Orders left at Potter & Wood's jewelry store or at the Eagle House will meet with prompt attention n 38 tf

We are selling ladies hats at 50 cts, 75 cts and $1 00 Fowler & Ketchum

An Immigrant House.

A building is to be constructed in or near Yankton without delay, to give temporary accommodation to the Russian immigrants who may arrive during the present winter, and also for those who may come next season or at any time hereafter. The building is to be constructed at the joint expense of the territory and the city of Yankton, and will be under the joint control of the commissioner of immigration and the mayor of this city. We have not been apprised of the dimensions of the building nor of the precise site it will occupy, and presume these matters have not yet been definitely arranged. But we are assured the accommodations will be ample to meet any ordinary case and the site to be chosen will be the one best adapted for that purpose. Dakota's friends in Pennsylvania can rest assured that their timely suggestions through Mr Gabriel Bear, have been heeded, and they can hereafter give their countrymen assurance that Dakota has furnished a home for immigrants

The Young Men's Literary Society will be held next Monday evening in the room now occupied by the council in the court house building. S H Gruber, One of Committee

What we give away consists of setts of jewelry, setts of ear rings, dolls, neckties, and other things too numerous to mention. Fowler & Ketchum

The most elegant variety of holiday gifts in the city at the Post office News depot

An Editor Surprised

The editor of the Clay County Register visited Yankton a short time ago and in the course of his travels about the city he encountered a circumstance which surprised him. But we let him relate it in his own words

In a recent visit to Yankton we were shown through the large store of S Fiseman & Co, by Chas Fiseman Esq. They carry a tremendous stock of goods and the quality is so much finer than that usually found in western stores that we were taken completely by surprise. Their stock of shawls is superior to anything we have seen west of Chicago. The little thousand and one articles for ladies wear are kept in abundance and make a magnificent show. It was with pleasure that we noticed Lee Bernard at his post. Success to this mammoth enterprise

If the editor of the Register will continue his investigations he will find numerous other establishments in this business burgh which will furnish him food for lively reflection

New Year's Cards

We shall be prepared to supply New Years callers with a variety of new and unique designs for cards w 3w

Best dry cord wood for sale in any quantity, large or small, and delivered to order anywhere in the city. Apply at Albee's lumber yard. Sylvester & Folyer

The members of the Catholic congregation of Yankton will give a public ball on New Years' eve, the proceeds to be applied on the purchase of lots for a site for a new Catholic church 4w

Hard Coal of the best quality, for sale at Sylvester & Folyer's coal house on the levee, or delivered to order. Blacksmith's coal and soft coal also supplied tt

Board — A few boarders can be accommodated either with or without rooms at Mrs L Boughton's, corner Second and Linn streets tf

Every one leaves Fowler & Ketchum's store well pleased with their purchases. Their goods are sold at a small margin, and if any are too poor to buy they make them a present

Any person indebted to us with account 2 months past due will receive a discount of 10 per cent by paying up before January 1st. Fowler & Ketchum

$200 will buy a first class piano. Its original cost was four hundred dollars. For further particulars see Fowler & Ketchum

Remember that every one purchasing one dollars worth of goods are entitled to a present of a sett of jewelry. Fowler & Ketchum

Our knit goods will be sold at a discount of 25 per cent during the holidays. Fowler & Ketchum

We make a specialty of fancy articles which will be sold at a sacrifice. Fowler & Ketchum

We have a few setts of childrens furs which will be sold at a sacrifice at Fowler & Ketchum's

Five hundred more neck ties left to give to the little boys of Yankton. Fowler & Ketchum

Three setts Fairbanks' scales for sale cheap. Terms cash, at Fowler & Ketchum's

Christmas slippers and stylish and durable boots and shoes at John A Weeks' boot and shoe store

A Christmas present that will suit every body can be had at the P O N D

$25 00 cash will buy a sett of ladies mink furs worth $35 00 at Fowler & Ketchum's

One 200 gallon oil can will be sold at a bargain at Fowler & Ketchum's

Standard prints 5 8, and 10 cents per yard at Fowler & Ketchum's

Holiday goods in infinite variety at the P O N D

Elegant books and beautiful chromos at the Post Office News Depot

THE NORTHWEST.

Brief Items of Interest from Various Points

DAKOTA

Burleigh county has purchased a large safe for county uses

Charles Burnett is the new proprietor of the American house, at Elk Point

The Sioux Falls Pantagraph calls for the construction of a narrow guage railroad between that point and St Paul

The Bismarck Tribune states that Deputy Marshal Edgerly has failed in his efforts to capture the murderers of Joe Putney

Prof Hayden pronounces the water power afforded by the Sioux river at Sioux Falls the finest he has seen in the west

An extensive carriage and wagon manufacturing establishment is among the contemplated new enterprises at Elk Point

A division of the Sons of Temperance was organized at Sioux Falls, by Deputy Cary, last week, and a full list of officers elected

Springfield's division of the Sons of Temperance will give a necktie festival Friday night, the proceeds to be devoted to uses of the order

At the Santee agency looms and other machinery has been introduced and the Indians are being taught the art of cloth weaving

The Fargo Express boasts of continued pleasant weather and asks any other spot on the footstool that can beat it to hold up its hand, as the editor wants to go there

The Elk Point Gleaner announces in an extra that it is not yet dead, but has only paused to gain renewed strength. It will shortly appear under a new management

The weekly mail from Bismarck to Fort Buford will hereafter leave on Wednesday mornings its departure having been postponed until after the arrival of the eastern mail at Bismarck

The Lincoln county grangers have decided to abandon their co operative store, experience teaching them that a healthy competition in trade will keep down the price of staples to the lowest notch

From the Sioux Valley News we learn that on Friday evening the grangers of Canton and Pleasant Hill to the number of one hundred and fifty had a musical literary and gastronomic feast at Keeler's hall in Canton

A writer in the Union County Courier of the 16th inst desires to call the attention of the present legislature to the propriety of making a law that will allow a mutual insurance company to be organized in each county of our territory

NEBRASKA

Pawnee county mines its own coal for domestic purposes

Efforts are being made to extend the mail route from Niobrara to Troy

The railroad freight house at Kearney is full of buffalo, deer antelope and elk meat

J H Billings, of Niobrara, buys his supplies of iron for blacksmith work at Yankton

Work on the new depot building at Omaha is progressing rapidly. The roof is nearly on

The Niobrara Pioneer states that the Ponca Indians were to receive their annuity money the last of last week

A fifteen inch vein of coal said to be equal to Fort Scott coal has been struck below Tecumseh, in Johnson county

The pastors of Omaha have issued a call to the eastern churches for aid for the grasshopper sufferers, suggesting that a special collection be taken up on Christmas day for that purpose

The Omaha Republican has been awarded the state printing for the coming two years, in classes 2, 3 and 4. The States Journal was awarded classes 1 5 and 7. The Omaha Herald class 6

That part of the new postoffice and custom house building erected by the government in Omaha, which is to be occupied by the postoffice is ready for occupancy. The rest of the building will not be completed for several weeks

B Mohan, of Union county, Big Sioux township raised corn this year which yielded 100 bushels to the acre on unmanured ground. He has two thousand bushels on hand which he can recommend for seed. Mr Mohan also alleges that he raised cabbages which weigh 33 pounds each. Besides his corn and his 3 000 heads of cabbage, he has 1,500 bushels of wheat and five tons of pork—all the product of a "grasshopper" season

COLORADO

An exchange produces this pleasing picture of Colorado's prosperity "Its gold mines have this year yielded something like seven millions, the agricultural crops are good, population is increasing, the climate continues healthy, and money is easier

We give the following item because it is popular with newspapers just now and we don't want to be behind hand in enterprise "Some Wet Mountain Valley farmers have shipped a number of tons of turnips to Denver some of which were perfectly enormous. Specimens picked almost at random measured from thirty five to forty-seven inches in circumference, and weighed from seven to twenty pounds each"

IOWA

Little Sioux Valley is down on the bills for fourteen dances on Christmas eve

A party of Sioux Cityites have gone over on the Maple river to hunt deer for a week or ten days

Decorah rejoices at the promised advent of a glove manufacturing firm, employing about sixty hands

The secretary of the state grange reports that the number of subordinate granges in the state is an even two thousand

Iowa has $4,519,688 raised to instruct a school population numbering 491,344 as enrolled in public schools and 12,132 in private ones

The Sioux City Journal says that twenty dollar counterfeit bills are having a run in that locality and that the original "shovers" made their escape before the officials could lay hands on them

WISCONSIN

The Turners of Oshkosh have completed a new hall at a cost of $12,000

One firm in Viroqua has already purchased $20 000 worth of hogs this season

Mrs Julia Cole, wife of associate justice Cole, of the supreme court, died at Madison on the 17th inst

The people of Milwaukee, Elkhorn and Janesville are now discussing the feasibility of building a narrow guage railroad from Milwaukee to the Mississippi river

The North Wisconsin railroad is completed forty miles from Hudson, on the St Croix. Ninety miles more of construction will bring that railway to Superior, at the head of the great lake

In the Green Bay circuit court there is a slander suit, wherein Carl Schroeder charges George Warm, an Evangelical German preacher, with having committed adultery with Schroeder's wife

Janesville has just completed a large cotton factory and a shoe factory and eastern capitalists are now agitating the project of a second cotton factory at that point. One enterprise of this sort is sure to attract others

The Chippewa river virtually closed on the 29th ult, and the ferry went into winter quarters, but on the 5th inst there was so little ice running the proprietors adjusted the machinery, and have been in full blast since

UTAH

Apples are recently selling at $1 50 per bushel in Salt Lake

A boiler and machinery for manufacturing salt on a large scale from the waters in the vicinity of Rich county, are being erected

One tenth of the wages of the employees in the woolen mills in Beaver, is invariably kept as tithing to support the Mormon priesthood

OREGON

It is asserted that Senator Jones, of Nevada, has invested largely in quartz mines in eastern Oregon

A large lake has been recently discovered at the head of Last Deschutes river in southeastern Oregon, by John Blair and Andrew Foster. They named it Bear Lake

CALIFORNIA

The route to the Yosemite Valley is to be kept open this winter

Eggs are retailing as high as seventy cents per dozen in San Francisco

It is estimated that by the close of the season the shipments of honey from San Diego county, will reach 500,000 pounds. Of comb honey 250,000 have already been shipped

The following are the latest mining stock quotations in California. Best and Belcher, 33, Belcher, 48, Chollar, 68, Yellow Jacket, 143, Gould and Curry, 31, Savage, 98, Bueman, 79, Justice, 85, Consolidated Virginia, 246, California, 259, Crown Point, 55, Ophir, 110, Segregated Belcher, 132½

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Dakota in Congress

A bill for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Black Hills country was introduced in the lower house of congress on the 14th inst also a bill providing for the construction of a penitentiary in Dakota out of the receipts for internal revenue collected within the territory

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15tf W H Ferguson

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List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Yankton, D T Dec 22 1874. If not called for in 10 days, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office

Allen Peter	Halverson [illegible]
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Baker Miss Anna	Jonson Evan
Baker Morrice O	Johnson Martin
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Brown Charle	Lotz Ludwig Adolph
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Deyo O C	Miller [illegible]
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Conden D	Wallstrom I
Green J	Wingert James
Hanson Knud	Waeta Chas

LETTERS HELD FOR POSTAGE

Martin Burns Dubuque Iowa—care ? c
A K Berry Frederic Iowa
J L Berry Frederic Iowa
James Hogan, St Louis

Persons calling for advertised letters will please say advertised. A W HOWARD P M

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

For the Week Ending Dec 15, 1874, Yankton, D T

War Department Signal Service U S A. Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce

Mean Daily Barometer Corrected for Temp		Thermometer Mean	Wind M D	Wind T V	Rain fall	M & M Ther Min	M & M Ther Max
Dec 16	0 164	15	nw	291	30	6	32
17	30 501	13	sw	433	00	—2	19
18	30 100	25	w	176	00	16	38
19	30 211	17	nw	[illegible]	00	9	31
20	30 05	21	s	295	00	1	31
21	[illegible]	[illegible]	nw	932	01	11	31
22	[illegible]	21		110	10	6	33

A — denotes below zero

C A SHAW
Observer S S U S A

PROPOSALS

Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River

Headquarters Mil Div of the Missouri, Office Chief Quartermaster. Chicago Ill, No 78 Union Building Dec 16 1874

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until and opened at 12 o clock m, Friday January 15 1875 for the transportation of Government troops and supplies on the Missouri River between Sioux City Iowa or Yankton, D T (as principal starting point) and Fort Benton M T and separate proposals will also be received for transportation between Bismarck (at the N P R R crossing of Missouri River) or Fort Abraham Lincoln D T as principal starting point and Fort Benton from March 20th to October 31st, 1875

Each proposal must be in duplicate and be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10 000) executed in legal form by two or more responsible persons (certified as fully responsible by a Judge or Clerk of a United States District Court) guaranteeing that in case the contract is awarded to the person proposing it will be accepted and entered into, and good sufficient security furnished immediately by him in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100 000) for the faithful fulfillment of the Contract

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids that may be offered

List of specifications and requirements for the information of bidders form of contract to be entered into in case of award, and form of proposal can be had by application to this office or to the offices of the Quartermaster's Department at St Louis Missouri, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, Omaha Nebraska, or Sioux City Iowa and no bid will be entertained unless accompanied by, and based upon, the list of specifications and requirements and form of contract referred to

Moreover no bid will be entertained under any circumstances, unless the bidder is present in person or by duly authorized agent or attorney at the opening of the bids and is then and there prepared to show that he is fully able to carry out the contract in all respects if awarded to him

Proposals should be endorsed 'Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River', and addressed to the undersigned

[n37w5] D H RUCKER,
Assistant Quartermaster General U S Army Chief Quartermaster Mil Div of the Missouri

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered issued out of the office of Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court within and for Yankton County and Territory of Dakota upon a judgment rendered in said Court wherein John Treadway was plaintiff and S L Spink was defendant, I did on this 18th day of November, 1874 proceed to levy upon the following described property, real estate of said S L Spink situated in Yankton county D T, to wit Lot four (4) in block seven (7) in southwest quarter (sw ¼) of southeast quarter (se ¼) of section twelve (12) in township ninety three (93) of range fifty six (56) and lot four (4) in block (1) in southwest quarter (sw ¼) of southwest quarter (sw ¼) of section seven (7) in township ninety three (93) of range fifty five (55) and sixteen lots in block forty (40) Witherspoon's Yankton to wit Lots 1, 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, 11, 12 13 14 15 and 16 and that I shall on Wednesday, the 30th day of December 1874, at the hour of 2 o clock p m of said day at the front door of the Court Room of the Second Judicial District Court proceed to sell all the right, title and interest of the said defendant, Spink in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment amounting to five hundred and ninety one 25 100 ($591 25) dollars, with interest thereon from the 6th day of October, 1874 at the rate of seven per cent *per annum, together* with all accruing costs of sale at public auction for cash

L W CASE
Sheriff of Yankton county D T

Moody & Cramer, Attorneys for Plaintiff
Dated at Yankton, D T this 18th day of November 1874 15 5w

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Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 24, 1874.

IMMIGRATION.

Report of Hon. James S Foster, Commissioner, to the Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, Dec 15, 1874

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, YANKTON, D T, Dec 10, 1874
To the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota

The two years last past have been years of prosperity to this territory. A flood of immigration has been constantly pouring in to the territory from the states and settling in every portion of our fair domain, adding fully ten thousand to our population Gratifying as this result is we have still greater reason for congratulation in the fact that the German Russians now coming to this country have after thorough investigation of the sections decided to locate in Dakota About five thousand of this immigration has already arrived and settled mostly in Yankton, Bon Homme, Turner and Hutchinson counties From this source alone we may reasonably expect 5000 immigrants per annum Considerable immigration has also arrived in Dakota from Norway and other European countries during the last year

The limited appropriation for immigration purposes would not allow the commissioner to employ salaried agents in New York city or to proceed to the old world to induce immigration to our section Still several agents have been employed in England, Norway and Sweden without pay, other than a nominal sum for postage and printing. General passage tickets to and from the old country have been furnished to such agents

The people of this territory have also contributed liberally for printing and expense money of agents sent to New York and other places to induce immigration to Dakota Their efforts have generally proved successful

I respectfully recommend that the bureau of immigration be reorganized by creating a board of immigration to be composed of several members residing in different sections of the territory, each member representing a district composed of several counties contiguous to each other

This method would allow all parts of the territory to be heard, and probably several different nationalities would be represented.

Such a board would be more efficient than a single commissioner because it would call forth the united support of all the people, because all could be represented.

I also recommend an annual appropriation of such a sum of money for the expenses of the bureau of immigration as the legislature in its wisdom may see fit to allow.

Confidently believing that any sum well expended would yield ample remuneration to the territory

Respect-fully submitted
JAMES S FOSTER,
Commissioner of Immigration

The Vicksburg Massacre

From the N Y Republic

It is a common saying that one story is good until the other is told, but there is no occasion for anybody to wait to hear the "other side" about the Vicksburg massacre The statement that has been sent forth to the world by the White Leaguers of that city needs no reply It answers itself Out of their own mouths they are condemned We doubt whether so flimsy a tale was ever concocted to excuse a horrible crime as that telegraphed to the associated press by "a large body of citizens" of Vicksburg on Saturday to justify the slaughter of 100 human beings in the outskirts of that city one morning last week It is not usual for a man who is arraigned for the unprovoked murder of an innocent person to entertain the court with a long rigmarole about his political, financial, or domestic grievances—how his party was beaten at an election held a year or two before, and other candidates than those he voted for obtained the offices, how these offices have been corruptly administered, and he has thereby been saddled with high taxes, and how he has been thwarted in his efforts to force the rascals to resign, or to oust them from their positions But this is the sum and substance of the "statement" issued to the country by citizens of Vicksburg to justify the shooting in cold blood—not of the corrupt officials who were responsible for their real or pretended grievances—but of a crowd of innocent plantation negroes, who had nothing whatever to do with the troubles of which they complain, and were guilty of no crime except that of voting a different ticket from that of their murderers.

We have no means of judging the truth of the allegations in this statement about the shortcomings of Cordoza, Davenport, Dorsey, Crosby, and other officials of Vicksburg and Warren county. The probabilities are, however, that they are greatly exaggerated, if not essentially false, but so far as the main question is concerned—the attempted justification of a wholesale massacre of freedmen not residents of Vicksburg—it does not make the slighest difference whether the allegations are true or not We have had rascally office-holders in New York; we have been saddled with a heavy debt and high taxes for a generation to come in consequence of their robberies, but we doubt whether the country would justify the taxpayers of Fifth and Madison avenues in an indiscriminate slaughter of citizens of Harlem or Westchester county because they were the friends of these thieving officials and voted to place them in office There is not a city, village, or hamlet in the Northern States that is not overburdened with taxation as a consequence of the crime committed by the white people of the south fourteen years ago, but a deputation of the citizens of Mississippi, even though they were headed by Jeff Davis himself, might visit any of our cities without fear of bodily harm We will promise them, at any rate, that they shall not be received in the outskirts with a volley of musketry before they have a chance to make known their mission.

On their own showing, there was not the shade of an excuse for the "chivalric" young bloods of Vicksburg to treat these poor straggling, unarmed bands of plantation negroes as they did They say that Crosby, the Sheriff, "circulated a card among the colored people denouncing the whites as ruffians and barbarians" If he did issue such a card (which he denies), we submit that he told the truth, and the subsequent conduct of the whites proved it We can imagine nothing more cowardly and ruffianly than for a body of intelligent armed men to fire, without warning, a volley of bullets into a straggling party of field hands, who never knew the use of arms and when they broke and ran, to pursue them and continue the slaughter If the negroes contemplated a "riot," as is claimed, why were they not warned of the consequences before being fired on? A volley of blank cartridges would have dispersed them just as easily and just as quickly as a volley of bullets. The "statement" speaks of "armed" bodies of negroes, but it does not say how they were armed That they were not armed with muskets, or any other dangerous weapons, is sufficiently proven by the fact that only one white man was injured, while the negroes killed have been reported all the way from fifty to one hundred and fifty The "statement" gives the number "from fifty to one hundred"—a looseness of estimate quite characteristic of southern "whites" when the lives of black men are in question. At all events, the negroes were "defeated and dispersed" at all points, according to the chronicles of the Vicksburg warriors, with only one white man injured Now, to "defeat and disperse" an enemy implies that there has been an engagement Many an important battle was fought in our Revolutionary war where the killed on both sides numbered less than "from fifty to a hundred," but this is the first pitched battle in an open field we ever heard of where the killed were all on one side

The truth is, the was no battle at all, the negroes never fired a gun or made an attack, or any demonstration that looked like an attack It was simply a cold-blooded massacre of ignorant and defenseless human beings And yet these pinks of "chivalry" talk about the "lives of themselves and their families" being "imperiled, and they were obliged to take arms in their defense" And "upon this record the people of Warren county are willing to receive the judgment of the country" They even take credit to themselves for not murdering the prisoners who fell into their hands, and say that "out of respect to the laws and *regard for human life* no violence was done to any of them" Magnanimous victors! The "judgment of the country" stands in mute astonishment at your valorous deeds, and knows not which most to admire, the generosity or the bravery of the "people of Warren county"

THE NEW YORK SHAKE

An Entire County Agitated by a Heave from the Earth's Bowels

[From the New York World, Dec 12]

Westchester county was shaken by an earthquake Thursday night Reports from all parts of the county agree that at 10 30, p m, a clearly-defined shock passed through the whole district, extending from the upper end of Manhattan Island to the southern portion of Connecticut Yesterday morning all the trains of the Hudson River Railroad, the Harlem and New Haven routes, were filled with persons who had been startled by the subterranean commotion on the previous night The reports generally agree in giving the shock a progressive motion from northwest to southeast, the intensity of the jar varying in different localities It came first as a low rumble, increasing in volume until the shock, which gave the dwellings an unmistakable shake, and then the rumble passed on, dying out in from eight to ten seconds Many jumped to the conclusion that nitroglycerine was the cause of the noise, either by some accidental explosion or in some blast, and the Bergen Tunnel, the Fourth avenue excavations, and the Hell Gate improvements were severally fixed upon as the places whence came the motion Those who had experienced similar concussions were not satisfied with this explanation, as the nature of the shock and its approach was not of the sudden, decisive type followed by a long rumble, which marks the combustion of explosive material. Nor was it thunder, as others supposed Those who ran out, immediately on receiving this summary notice to quit their residences, observed but one moderate sized cloud in the sky, while along the Hudson snow was falling at the time in gentle flakes, while not the slightest breath of wind stirred The noise, too, came from below and not from above The mysterious hubbub was the work of subterranean and not of celestial agencies

At Mount Vernon, a village which is proud in the possession of a banking institution, a notion prevailed that a gang of thieves were laying burglarious hands upon the treasures in the vault and had blown open the doors of the safes, and a posse soon surrounded the moneyed center to find themselves mutually surprised and more dumbfounded than before At each village along the route from this place to Stamford, beyond which latter place no tidings of any untoward sensation has yet been heard, the idea prevailed that it was the neighboring townsmen who were raising the rumpus in some way, which would transpire in the morning

The duration of the commotion varies in different accounts Some put it at fifteen and others down to five seconds One says it continued for "fully thirty seconds" The general direction in which the subterranean wave traveled appears to have been from north to south, according to the mass of testimony given by those who were interested in the occurrence It is not known that any serious damage occurred to property or life by the falling of houses, or the loosening of chimney pots, etc Some exaggerated report gave heresay stories of such incidents, but they could be traced to no trustworthy source

In New York there are a few isolated individuals who insist they felt something odd about that time in the evening, but no careful observation of facts or sensations were made by any reliable party

Proposed Amendments.

Senator Wright introduced a joint resolution into the U S senate, on the 15th inst, which runs as follows: It proposes that the president and vice president shall be elected by the direct vote of the people, and that each hold his office for six years, that the president shall be ineligible to re-election, that every male citizen over 21 years, and not convicted of an infamous crime, shall have the right to vote; that the election for president and vice-president shall be held at the same time, and that a majority of all the votes shall elect, but if no one receives a majority, another election shall be ordered, at which only the two receiving the largest number of votes at the previous voting shall be voted for, and that the election returns shall be canvassed by the supreme court of the United States, and a certificate issued by that tribunal Referred to the committee on civil service reform

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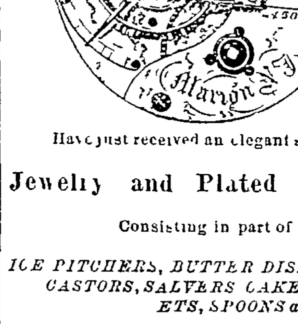

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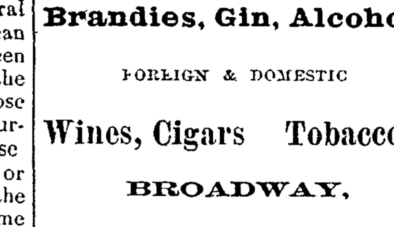

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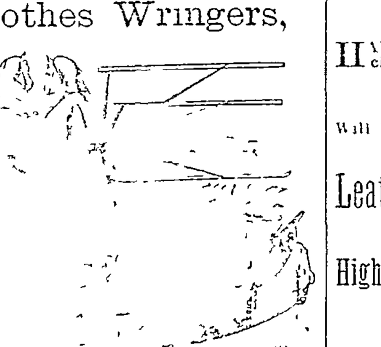

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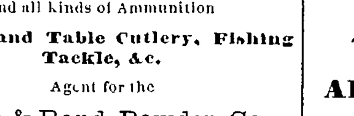

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2 25	McCOOK	10 42
2 13	JEFFERSON	10 27
3 09	†ELK POINT	10 02
3 32	BURBANK	9 37
3 55	†VERMILLION	9 19
4 17	MECKLING	8 53
4 36	GAYVILLE	8 34
4 51	*JAMES RIVER	8 18
5 07	SHOPS	8 03
5 10 Arrive	†YANKTON	8 00 Leave

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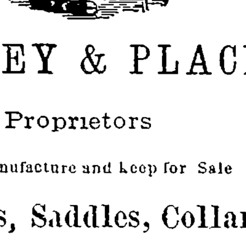

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Associated Press Canards,

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[From Jackson (Miss) ... Dec 21]

We are not at all surprised to see in the Vicksburg papers stories tending to give the ... there ... which are at variance with the truth, coupled with reflections upon Governor Ames, intended to cast reproach upon his official actions, as remotely or intimately connected with the said criminal occurrences Were those newspapers to pursue a different course in fact, we would be greatly at a loss to account for their language and their springs of action They originated and urged on the war They have, of course, to give *their* views and their versions of all of its various transactions And they do give them—and we have copied largely from the Herald, as much to show the public what its reporters say, as compared with the utterance of its editors, as for the purpose of supplying the only connected story about the strange affair that we have yet been able to secure When we receive our own reporter's correspondence, taken from notes made on the spot, it shall also be published in full It is, we repeat no matter of wonder that the twin Vicksburg Thunderers should tell the tale so as to count for their side as much as possible—and they have so told it—but we did not expect to see such strangely incorrect and perverted statements in the reports of the Vicksburg agent of the New York Associated Press as the following, which we copy, in order that we may brand it as a canard of the most treacherous and outrageous character We find the annexed in the press report for the New Orleans Republican

"Evidence just received renders it absolutely certain that Governor Ames and his Attorney General, George E Harris, incited and advised the invasion of this city by the negroes to day This evidence has been laid before the ablest lawyers of the city, with a view to arresting and bringing these parties to this city for trial."

This wholesale fabrication dates from Vicksburg, Dec 7, and aside from its falsity in fact, is entirely unfounded in any thing that can properly approach the region of fact Governor Ames and the Attorney General had no more to do with the inception of the riot of Monday and Tuesday last ending in bloodshed and crime, and in the death of many colored men, than the most innocent persons in America On the contrary, Governor Ames did all that he could do and all that the constitution and the laws had placed in his power to do, for the preservation of the peace and the enforcement of the laws of the State How the mind of any Associated Press reporter, outside of Vicksburg, could have conceived such a monstrous proposition as that of placing the *onus* of horrible internecine insurrection—though not of extended proportions, still it is an insurrection—upon the shoulders of the executive of Mississippi, it is hard to explain. How some partisan writer for a local press might have so shaped his course in order to throw the heavy responsibility of this trouble upon some others, rather than upon its real instigators, we can very easily see, and to this influence alone is the public probably indebted for the absurd mass of untruth, pure invention, and fraud given above It is certainly to be hoped that the agent of the Associated Press at Vicksburg may be summarily removed and somebody put in the position who is at least capable of dispassionately stating the facts regarding any important occurrence, without lending his aid to any party connected with an insurrection

Reports of U S Attorney General and Adjutant General.

The Attorney General's annual report shows that there were judgments during the fiscal year in civil suits in favor of the United States of $2,201,724, amount actually realized, $867,192 Of the criminal cases, 6,018 were terminated, including 2,623 convictions, of which 102 out of 966, were under the enforcement acts The total suits to which the United States were not a party is 19,194, of which 11,490 were terminated, the judgments being to the amount of $10,508 The expenses of the Marshals, Commissioners, etc, for the year were $2,669,740, or $361,138 less than the previous year The amount awarded by the Court of Claims was $2,418,803, against total claims of $4,055,360

The Attorney General recommends that the United States District Court be given authority to issue subpœnas directing the attendance of witnesses before the Court of Claims, and that the latter be given authority to punish for contempt any failure to obey, that the heads of Departments be given authority for use in the Court of the Rebel records in possession of the government, that the police force of the District of Columbia be increased, that all district attorneys and marshals be paid by salary only, fees being abolished, that a penitentiary be erected in the district of Columbia for the confinement of convicts instead of that at Albany, that a uniform mode be provided for the selection of jurors for United States Courts, and the enactment of a law regulating the fees and costs of clerks, marshals, and attorneys of United States Courts

The Adjutant General of the army has sent his 'Advance Army Regulations for 1875" to the printer There have been many changes since the publication of the 1874 register The army has been reduced by deaths, discharges and desertions from 30,000 (its reported strength last January) to 25,000 enlisted men, but the number of commissioned officers has not been proportionately diminished

There are now 2,069 officers on the active list of the army, without counting a batch of assistant surgeons recently appointed, so that for every twelve enlisted men (and a fraction) there is one commissioned officer The gentlemen of the permanent staff number 524, not including the assistant surgeons above referred to, nor ten line officers selected for transfer to the Ordinance Department, but not yet transferred The proportion of staff officers is, therefore, about one to each squad of four line officers and forty eight men Several of the staff departments have been trimmed down a little, principally on paper so far, the reduction being prospective and dependent on casualties

Fifty-five officers have been lost to the service by resignations, deaths and dismissals upward of 120 have been promoted, forty-one cadets have joined the army from West Point, and several civilian applicants for appointments to vacante second lieutenancies have been notified to appear before an examining board in Washington

Press and Dakotaian.

THE YANKTON UNION AND DAKOTAIAN — LIBERTY AND UNION NOW AND FOREVER ONE AND INSEPARABLE

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DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

11th Session—3d Biennial.

COUNCIL—SIXTEENTH DAY

TUESDAY, 22, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll call ed Quorum present

Mr Lawrence from the judiciary reported council bill 25 making the conveyance of lands not valid unless the wife join in conveyance recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr McIlench from highways, reported council bill No 31, allowing damages to persons injured by defective highways and bridges, recommending its passage The bill passed

Messrs Branch and Stevens from Indian affairs reported council bill No 29, to establish the fees of chaplains, recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr Lawrence from elections reported house file No 13, to legalize the acts of certain county officers of Moody county, recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr Chandler from Public buildings reported council bill 28 a memorial to congress for an appropriation to erect a public building in Dakota, recommending its passage The bill passed

Council bill 22 a memorial for a mail route from Yankton to Childstown was then passed

Mr Stevens gave notice of a bill to provide for the clearing of weeds from the public highways lines and railroad lines

Mr Fraley gave notice of a bill to organize the county of Brule and define the boundaries thereof

Mr West in the chair

Mr Jolley introduced council bill No 37 to amend section 14 of chapter 15 of the laws of 1867-8—an act to regulate Incorporations also council bill No 38, relating to the distribution of the laws, also council bill No 39 requiring the publication of the proceedings of the boards of county commissioners

Mr Austin introduced council bill No 4, to provide for the instruction and education of deaf and dumb persons

Mr Sheafe introduced council bill No 41 relating to the challenging of jurors in civil cases

Mr Branch introduced council bill No 42 a memorial praying for an appropriation to construct a wagon road from Rockport on the Dakota river to Jamestown, on the N P R R On motion, adjourned

HOUSE—SIXTEENTH DAY.

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll call ed Quorum present

Mr Ellis from committee on railroads, reported house bill No 16 to repeal an act entitled an act to enable counties and towns to vote aid to railroads recommend its reference to a special committee of the Yankton county delegation It was so referred

Mr Williams from the committee on elections submitted the following report

Your committee on elections to whom was referred the matter of contest between W T McKay and Edmund Hackett, respectfully present the following majority report

It is our opinion that under the evidence taken Edmund Hackett is entitled to his seat in this House and that the seat now occupied by W T McKay should be declared vacant and Edmund Hackett sworn in with this qualification and understanding that if it can be made to appear to this House at any time during this session by any reliable testimony that W T McKay has a legal majority of the votes cast in the fifth district that the matter be referred back at once to the committee with instructions to report to the House for their action

C H STEARNS
MICHAEL CURRY,
M M WILLIAMS

Mr Curry from the Union county delegation reported house file 17, to re establish commissioner and assessor districts in Union county, recommending its passage

Mr Zitka from the Bon Homme county delegation, reported house file No 19, to repeal chapter 8 of the special and private laws of 1872-3 entitled an act to create three commissioner districts in Bon Homme county, recommending its passage The bill passed

The report of the committee on elections was then taken up, and the ayes and noes being called, the report was not adopted—ayes 11, noes 13

On motion of Mr Berry, Rev J J McIntire, Superintendent of Public Instruction was invited to a seat within the bar

Messrs Bruce Bothun and Williams gave notice of bills

Mr Knud Larson introduced house bill 23 repealing chapter 30 of the laws of 1872-3 to encourage the growth of timber and trees along section line roads

Mr Berry introduced house bill No 24, authorizing the county commissioners of the several counties of the Territory to fund the outstanding indebtedness of their respective counties

Mr Bothun introduced house bill 25, to amend section 3, chapter 4 of private laws of 1867

Mr Bothun introduced house file 26, defining the fiscal year, and for other purposes

Mr Luce introduced house bill 27, repealing chapter 25 of the session laws of 1862

Mr Luce introduced house bill 28, to divide Moody county into three commissioner districts

Council bill No 26 a memorial for an increase of mail service from Yankton to Sioux Falls, was then passed

On motion of Mr Van Osdel, the house took a recess

Reconvened

The house then went into committee of the whole on house file 9 to establish a bureau of immigration for the territory of Dakota also house bill No 1, to repeal section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3 The committee arose and reported a recommendation that No 9 be referred to the immigration committee, and No 1, be engrossment

The house then adjourned

COUNCIL—SEVENTEENTH DAY

WEDNESDAY, Dec 23, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called All present

A message from the Governor announced that he had approved council bill No 3, to to define the judicial districts of Dakota Territory and to provide for the holding of courts therein

Mr Lawrence from judiciary reported council bill No 23 to amend the third sub division of section 705 of the civil code, recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr Fraley presented a resolution granting the use of the hall for next Monday evening to the Yankton Literary Society Adopted

Mr Lawrence gave notice of a memorial to congress for an appropriation of lands to the University of Dakota

Mr Pace gave notice of a bill to authorize the civil townships of Union county, Dakota, to wit The town of Big Sioux, the town of Jefferson, the town of Civil Bend, and the town of Elk Point, to vote upon the question of herd law

Mr Williams gave notice of a bill relating to garnishment of money, property and effects in district and justices courts

Mr Fraley introduced council bill No 43 a memorial praying for an appropriation to erect a penitentiary in Dakota

House bills 19, 5, 7 and 18 were read and referred

Council bills 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 were read and referred

On motion of Mr Williams, council bill No 11, was referred to the education committee

Council bills 7, 8 and 17 were returned from the house, passed and referred to enrollment

House bills 1 and 8, were read and referred On motion the council adjourned

HOUSE—SEVENTEENTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr Van Osdel from engrossment reported house bill No 1 to repeal section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, correctly engrossed. The bill was passed

Mr Williams from ways and means reported council bill No 8, relating to fees of county treasurers, recommending its passage The bill was passed

Mr Haas reported house bill No 21 for the safe keeping of lunatics, recommending its passage The bill was passed

Mr Ellis reported council bill No 7, a memorial for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Yankton to the National Park, recommending its passage The bill was passed

Mr Wahl from judiciary reported council No 17, to repeal chapter 7 of the laws of 1862, recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr Wahl from towns and counties reported house bill No 22, preventing the division of organized counties, recommending its passage The bill was passed

Mr Van Osdel from special committee Yankton county delegation, reported house bill No 16, to repeal an act to enable organized counties and towns to vote aid to railroads, recommending its passage by substitute The bill was passed

Council bills Nos 9, 30, 32, were read and referred

House bill No 23 to repeal chapter 30 of the laws of 1872-3, and house bill Nos 24 25, 26 and 27 were then referred to appropriate committees

House bill No 28, to divide Moody county into three commissioner districts, was then passed

House bill No 17 to re establish assessor and commissioner districts in Union county was then passed

On motion of Mr Van Osdel the house took a recess

Reconvened

Pursuant to resolution the house went into committee of the whole on house bill No 14, to provide for the registration of warrants and regulating the order of paying the same, and after some time spent therein, the committee arose and reported the bill back with amendments recommending its reference to one member from each county except Union, Bon Homme and Minnehaha

On motion the house adjourned

COUNCIL—EIGHTEENTH DAY

THURSDAY, Dec 24 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair. Prayer Roll called All present

House bill No 5, repealing the amendment to the council code requiring the docketing of executions was passed

Council bills No 43, a memorial for an appropriation to build a territorial prison, also No 21, repealing chapter 34 of the laws of 1862, also No 34, for an act concerning mines, also No 35, for the custody of the territorial library, also No 36, relating to mining property in dispute and for the protection of miners; also No 39, requiring the boards of county commissioners to publish their proceedings also No 42 a memorial for an appropriation to construct a wagon road from Rockport on Dakota river to Jamestown on the N P R R were passed

Council bill 29, to establish the fees of chaplains returned from the house was referred to the enrollment committee

House bills Nos 1, 19 and 25 were referred to committees

Mr Lawrence introduced council bill No 44, a memorial to congress asking an appropriation to the University of Dakota

Mr Williams introduced council bill No 45, relating to garnishment of money, property and effects in district and justice courts

Mr Pace introduced council bill No 46, to authorize the civil townships in Union county to wit The town of Big Sioux the town of Jefferson, the town of Civil Bend, and the town of Elk Point, to vote upon the question of the herd law within said townships

On motion the council adjourned

HOUSE—EIGHTEENTH DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

The committee on elections submitted the following The committee to whom was referred the case of contest between D M Kelleher and Hector Bruce both claiming the right to a seat on this floor from the 7th council and representative district, have had the same under consideration, and after taking the testimony offered on both sides and listening to the arguments, and examined carefully the laws which govern the case, and laid before us, would most respectfully ask leave to report to your honorable body that it is our opinion that Hector Bruce is entitled to a seat upon this floor as the member elect from the 7th council and representative district, and that this our opinion is founded on the following facts—

1st That said Hector Bruce although he does not continually reside upon his claim at Grand Forks (he being a single man) more than to comply with law, he was and is a resident of the 7th district, and of Grand Forks county as shown by returns and evidence, that he also was elected register of deeds of that county at the late election

That said Bruce had no filing upon any claim in Minnesota but had permission from the General Land office to file on a claim previous to the time he filed on his claim at Grand Forks, but he "Bruce" states under oath that he did not file on said claim in Minnesota

3d That although the voters who cast the votes at Fort Totten may have been entitled to vote in Dakota Territory our recent election law of 1871-2 provides that a man must vote in his own precinct and no where else, and thereby a man traveling or at work away from his residence is disqualified from voting under our statutes and Fort Totten being in no organized county, no precinct established there no returns in compliance with law could be recognized

4th That according to the treaty of Feb 19, 1867 the following was made a reservation and formed no part of the Territory thereto and also in the organic act of 1862 we find the boundaries of the reservation, to wit Beginning at the most easterly point of Devils Lake, thence along the water of said lake to the most westerly point of the same, thence on a direct line to the nearest point on the Cheyenne river thence down said river to a point opposite the lower end of Aspen Island and thence on a direct line to the place of beginning

5th That no person can gain a residence upon a reservation and consequently there are no actual residents on any reservation except provided by law

The votes as canvassed from the 7th district are as follows

	Bruce	Kelleher
Grand Forks	134	
Cass		292
Stutsman		34
Richland		9
Burbank		28
Pembina	191	
Total	325	363

Therefore we are of the opinion that Hector Bruce is entitled to his seat in this house as a member from the 7th council and representative district

J M WAHL, Chairman

On motion of Mr Berry the report was adopted

Mr Luce gave notice of a bill dividing the judicial districts of the territory into sub divisions and providing for the holding of courts in the different counties and sub divisions thereof

On motion Mr Moody was granted leave to introduce a printed bill entitled an act to establish a code of criminal procedure

Mr Luce introduced house bill No 29, for the preservation of fish in Lake county, Dakota Territory

Council bills Nos 22, 25, 28 and 31 were read the first time

Council bill No 29, to establish the fees of chaplains was passed

House bill No 14, to provide for the registration of warrants and regulating the order of paying the same was referred to Messrs Knud Larson, Clay, Berry, Turner, Wahl, Lincoln, Sampson, Yankton, Luce, Lake, Stearns, Brookings, Bruce, Grand Forks, Bosworth Burleigh

On motion of Mr Berry, the house adjourned

HOUSE AND COUNCIL—19TH AND 20TH DAYS

Dec 25th and 26th, 1874

[On account of the absence of several members, who visited home to spend Christmas, no business of importance was transacted —REPORTER]

[See second page]

Benj D Silliman, referee in the Proctor Moulton case, has filed a report in court He reports that the imputations and statements in the publication made upon and concerning the character and conduct of the plaintiff, are wholly and absolutely untrue, that the defendant, by his counsel, disclaiming malice in the publication, admitted the untruth of such imputations and statement, and cites the terms of the final settlement as before published

The cost of producing sheet and book music, was brought out by an insurance investigation of a fire in Oliver Diston & Co's store, Boston The appraisers report that books selling for a dollar cost eighteen cents, those selling for two dollars cost forty cents, and so on

The American Evangelical Alliance have recommended a week of prayer, the same to commence the first Monday in January

SELECTED POETRY.

THE CLOSING YEAR.

BY GEO D PRENTICE

Tis midnight s holy hour, and silence now
Is brooding like a gentle spirit o er
The still and pulseless world Hark on the winds
The bell's deep tones are swelling—tis the knell
Of the departed year No funeral train
Is sweeping past yet on the stream and wood,
With melancholy light the moonbeams rest
Like a pale spotless shroud the air is stirred
As by a mourner s sigh and on yon cloud
That floats so still and placidly through heaven,
The spirits of the seasons seem to stand—
Young Spring bright Summer, Autumn s solemn form
And Winter with his aged locks—and breathe
In mournful cadences, that come abroad
Like the far wind harp s wild and touching wail,
A one from the earth forever

Tis a time
For memory and for tears When the deep
Still chamber of the heart a spectre dim
Whose tones are like the wizard voice of Time
Heard from the tomb of Ages points its cold,
And solemn finger to the beautiful
And holy visions that have passed away,
And left no shadow of their loveliness
On the dead waste of life The spectre lifts
The coffin lid of Hope and Joy and Love
And bending mournfully above the pale
Sweet forms that slumber there scatters dead flowers
O er what has passed to nothingness The year
Has gone and with it many a glorious throng
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow
Its shadow in each heart In its swift course,
It waved its sceptre o er the beautiful—
And they are not It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man—and the haughty form
Is fallen and the flashing eye is dim
It trod the hall of revelry where thronged
The bright and joyous and the tearful wail
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song
And reckless shout resounded It passed o er
The battle plain where sword and spear, and shield
Flashed in the light of mid day—and the strength
Of serried hosts is shivered and the grass,
Green from the soil of carnage waves above
The crushed and mouldering skeleton It came
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve
Yet, ere it melted in the viewless air
It heralded its millions to their home
In the dim land of dreams

Remorseless Time—
Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe—what power
Can stay him in his silent course, or melt
His iron heart to pity? On still on
He presses and forever The proud bird
The condor of the Andes that can soar
Through heaven s unfathomable depths or brave
The fury of the northern hurricane
And bathe his plumage in the thunder s home
Furls his broad wings at nightfall and sinks down
To rest upon his mountain crag but Time
Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness
And night s deep darkness has no chain to bind
His rushing pinion Revolutions sweep
O er earth like troubled visions o er the breast
Of dreaming sorrow cities rise and sink
Like bubbles on the water, fiery isles
Spring blazing from the ocean, and go back
To their mysterious caverns mountains rear
To heaven their bald and blackened cliffs and bow
Their tall heads to the plain new empires rise
Gathering the strength of hoary centuries;
And rush down like the Alpine avalanche
Startling the nations and the very stars
Yon bright and burning blazonry of God
Glitter awhile in the eternal depths
And like Pleiad, loveliest of their train
Shoot from their glorious spheres and pass away
To darkle in the trackless void yet Time—
Time the tomb builder, holds his fierce career
Dark stern all pitiless and pauses not
Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path
To sit and muse like other conquerors—
Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought,

OFFICIAL UTTERANCES.

Gov Ames Gives a Statement of Mississippi Affairs and President Grant Issues a Proclamation.

We give the following extract from Gov Ames' recent statement to the Mississippi legislature Speaking of the Vicksburg affair and the causes which produced a crisis he says that no legal remedy had been exhausted a petit jury had not been organized The sheriff could have been restrained from acting as sheriff in compliance with the law by injunction, by applying to any one of the thirty chancellors and circuit judges of the state, or any of the supreme court judges, on proper showing, could have been required to demand new bonds Yet not the first step was taken The cause of complaint in Warren county, if any there be would, I have no doubt, have received full and favorable consideration by the legislature, but we are forced by the facts to the conclusion that a legal or legislative remedy has not been desired The action of the insurgents bears a strong resemblance to that which so frequently occurs in Mexican or South American states, where legally constituted governments are overthrown by restless spirits who may assemble around them the means of so doing Is Mississippi to sink to a level of such communities? Are we to believe any considerable portion of our citizens can lend aid or countenance to such lawlessness? What is more likely than such action to destroy the peace prosperity, and safety of every community within our borders

He further says that Mississippi is peculiarly situated—a problem to solve quite unlike any presented to the world previous to recent years The population comprises two races, who, by revolution, have been thrown together on the same political and civil level We find in Warren county that violent white men have been months appealing to the prejudices of their class urging on a war of races for political purposes At this very moment, when state and county authorities are successfully resisted when free action on the part of officials is impossible, the armed insurgents procure orders for a local election with the intention that the ballots shall be cast in the midst of such a reign of terror, that the will of the great majority may be undone by the minority It is well for us to face the facts as they exist To evade them or ignore them would be cowardice and crime The insurrection has its sympathizers and supporters in other parts of the state They have deliberately and knowingly entered upon this work of revolution with a purpose coextensive with the limits of the state It is insurrection in its fullest sense If successful, it must necessarily reduce the majority to the will of the minority, and that minority, which shall thus have gained power by the force of arms, will be found logically to maintain and retain that power by legislation as harsh and cruel as their first acts of violence, in which case one race of our people will be deprived of their rights and be remanded back to as unfortunate a condition as they have ever known, or else be compelled to wander forth seeking freedom, rather than homes, as is now the case with many of the race in other states Are the people prepared for such a contingency? Even though they may be ready to sacrifice material interests for political success, is there not a higher motive by which we should be actuated? Is it not our duty, the duty of every lover of liberty and justice, to secure for whatever race or color those privileges and blessings which we hold for ourselves dearer than life? If the people of the state insist on making the race issue, or have the disposition so to do, then is our condition deplorable indeed If successful, it would be a success founded entirely on the degradation and serfdom of a class At a former time the governor of this state was called upon in a message to the legislature to announce the fact that twenty six tax collectors, where there were fifty six counties, were defaulters in one year The state to day has no such grievance The defaulting office holders during the past year bear no proportion to those referred to The greater number are found in those counties where the colored man and his party are so far in the minority as to have no influence in the selection The indebtedness of counties and cities is not to be attributed to the complexion of the voters Many such localities are free from debt, few are heavily burdened Of the state debt, a large part is to its own school fund, a portion of which has been outstanding for many years The remainder of the state indebtedness, when this year's taxes are paid to meet this year's expenditures will amount to but some $600-000 or 700 000 Herein Mississippi stands equaled by but few sister states The expense of the state government is but the average of the expenses of other states That there may be advantageous changes made in the revenue laws, there can be no doubt These facts I give to dispel all impressions that the colored men of the state, as a class, or the party to which they incline, have forgotten the great work of human freedom and equality in which they are engaged, or have stooped to plunder the state of its wealth

A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON, Dec 21—The following was issued to day

WHEREAS, it is provided in the Constitution of the United States that the United States shall protect every State in the Union on application of the Legislature, or Executive when the Legislature cannot be convened, against domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, It is provided by the laws of the United States, that in all cases of insurrection or obstruction to the laws thereof, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, on application of the legislature of such state or the executive when the Legislature cannot be convened, to call forth the militia of any other state or states, or to employ such part of the land and naval forces as shall be judged necessary for suppressing such insurrection or of causing the laws to be duly executed, and

WHEREAS, The legislature of the state of Mississippi, now in session, have represented to me in a concurrent resolution of that body, that several of the legally elected officers of Warren county, in said state, are prevented from executing the duties of their respective offices by force and violence, that the public buildings and records of said county have been taken into possession of and are now held by lawless and unauthorized persons, that many peaceable citizens of said county have been killed, and others have been compelled to abandon and remain away from their homes and families, that illegal and riotous seizures and imprisonments have been made by such lawless persons, and, further, that a large number of armed men from adjacent States have invaded Mississippi to aid such lawless persons, and are still ready to give them such aid, and,

WHEREAS, It is further represented, as aforesaid, by the said legislature, that the courts of said county cannot be held, and that the governor of said state has not sufficient force at his command to execute the laws thereof in said county and suppress said violence without causing a conflict of races and endangering life and property to an alarming extent, and

WHEREAS, The said legislature, as aforesaid, have made application to me for such part of the military force of the United States as may be necessary and adequate to protect said state and citizens thereof against domestic violence hereinbefore mentioned, and to enforce the due execution of the laws, and

WHEREAS The laws of the United States require that whenever it may be necessary the judgment of the president to use military force for the purpose aforesaid, he shall forthwith, by proclamation, command such insurgents to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes within a limited time

Now, therefore, I, Ulysses S Grant, president of the United States, do hereby command such disorderly and turbulent persons to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes within five days from the date hereof, and that they refrain from forcible resistance to the laws and submit themselves peaceably to the lawful authorities of said county and state

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed

Done at the city of Washington this 21st day of December in the year of our Lord 1874, and of the independence of the United States, the ninety-ninth

By the President U S GRANT
HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of State

Our Territory and our City.

A well informed correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, has this to say of Dakota and its capital city

YANKTON, Dak Ter, Dec 10, '74

Three years ago the knowledge of the average reader of a Chicago daily in regard to Dakota, was of a very indefinite character The building of the Union Pacific, and of other railroads leading to the west and south, had turned the eyes of emigrants and capitalists towards Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, and that section of the west was well and extensively advertised throughout the east and the interior The census of 1870 showed a white population in Dakota of but little over 12,000, and, at that time there was not a mile of railroad within the territory At the same time it was, and still is,

THE MOST EXTENSIVE IN AREA

of any of the territories, being nearly 400 miles square, and containing fully 150,000 square miles It was also at that time, and still is, much nearer to Chicago than any of the other territories, and possesses very many natural advantages which were for a long time overlooked

The public lands of this territory have never been exposed to direct sale by the government, and they have only been obtainable by actual settlers under the provisions of the homestead and pre emption acts This has been an advantage, and also a disadvantage It has led to a much more compact settlement of the country than that which is seen in Iowa and Nebraska, since large tracts could not be bought up here by speculators to be held until they should become valuable, but speculators and corporations having no wares to sell here, have not taken any pains to advertise the country Still, the territory has gradually been filling up, and, during the past two years, with great rapidity The vote cast at the recent election shows a population of fully

FORTY THOUSAND,

three fourths of this being in the southeast ern portion of the territory, in the valley of the Missouri, extending westward about 100 miles, and northward from 60 to 100 miles It was at first thought that the bottom lands alone were valuable, but experience has demonstrated that the bench or table lands are really even better than these They may be worked earlier in the spring, and actually endure drought much the best The grass is shorter but is very nutritious, even after the frost has killed it, while for wheat raising this land is unexcelled Like all new countries, the settlers here have had to contend against difficulties, chief among which have been drought and grasshoppers With the settlement of the country, the rainfall has steadily increased every year, and has been since 1870, ample, while Minnesota, Iowa Nebraska and Kansas have alike suffered more from grasshoppers

The weather which we have been having during the present fall would be regarded as quite remarkable by many of your readers Thus far we have had two mere flurries of snow—scarcely enough to cover the ground, and disappearing before noon There have been no rains except slight sprinkles, no mud, and the roads are as smooth and hard as a floor

The building of the Dakota Southern railroad from Sioux City to Yankton, which was completed two years ago this winter, brought much of the business which had formerly been at the former to the latter place Especially has this been true with reference to the transportation of army and Indian supplies to the various military posts and agencies up the Missouri river Steamboats have loaded here for the past two summers, and business has been quite active During the past season, some 300 buildings have been erected in Yankton—a fair proportion of them being brick, and many very good and substantial in every way Many of the other country towns have also improved quite rapidly and the surrounding country has advanced very much Yet the money pressure is felt here as it is elsewhere, and, while all feel the necessity for economizing, there are many adventurers and idle men who puzzle the ordinary industrious and honest citizen when he asks himself how these people exist

It is to be hoped that the House will have the wisdom to dispose of the civil rights bill as soon as possible As long as it remains undecided it is the fruitful source of dissension and division With the school clause stricken out, there cannot be any serious objection to its passage —*Washington National Republican*

The Postmaster General has ordered the appointment of Michael Ryan as postmaster at Jefferson, in the county of Union, in place of E M Walters, removed for cause Also the re establishment of a postoffice at Sisseton Agency, Sisseton Reservation, and the appointment of Charles P La Grange, as postmaster thereof.

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Christ Church, Third Street between Walnut and Douglas Ave, Rev M Hoyt D D Rector Services Sunday at 11 a m and 7 p m, also services Wednesday evenings Seats free Bible Class meets every Saturday evening in the Church

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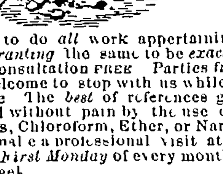

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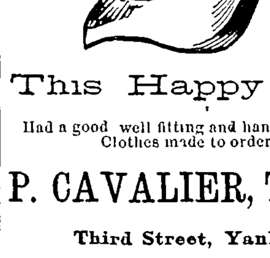

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BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

One hundred thousand negroes have migrated from the state of Georgia.

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Fully half of the coal used in the United States comes from a district in Pennsylvania about 470 miles square.

Five of the Alabama congressmen were associated in the Tenth Alabama regiment of the confederate service

The number of emigrants landed at Castle Garden from January 1st to December 1st, during the past year, was 145,369

Virginia has but one railroad which pays expenses and is owned within her borders; that is the road from the Potomac to Richmond.

St Petersburg dispatches of the 11th inst announce that the Russian campaign against the Turcomans in Khiva has commenced

The supreme court of Missouri has decided that a "shiveree" is a lawful amusement provided the "shivereed" parties do not object

The largest flouring mill in the world is in France. It has forty four run of stone The second largest is at Minneapolis, with forty run of stone

It is proposed to erect a statue of Zachary Taylor in Washington, at a cost not exceeding $20,000 A bill for this purpose has been introduced in the house

The German commission to the Centennial exhibition at Philadelphia, has been appointed Dr Jacobs is president of the commission, whose headquarters will be in Berlin

The fire in the old coal mine under Herron's Hill, at Pittsburg, Pa, which was started at the mouth, on Thirty third street, about four months ago, is still burning and spreading

In California nearly everybody seems to have money to lend, and borrowers appear to be scarce The bank of California has to raise its capital to $5,000,000, and money lending overtops all other business

Mexico talks of ceding to us a strip of territory on the southern side of the Rio Grande as indemnity for its transgressions upon our territory by raids and smuggling The territory is said to be very rich in silver

At a recent mass meeting of the people of Caddo and Summer Grove parishes Louisiana, it was resolved to refuse employment to any radical black or white, and to refuse to countenance any planter or merchant who gives aid or comfort in any manner to the same in Caddo

More about the Black Hills.

MINING SOLDIERS

FORT SULLY Dec 19—With the exceptions of rumors, which can be traced to no reliable source, nothing has been heard from the soldiers who went after the Black Hills party since they struck the trail two weeks ago They took but fifteen days' rations with them, which would only last till to day Tidings of them are anxiously looked for, as the weather is very cold and cloudy with high winds, the forerunner of blizzards in this country

THE BADGERS ORGANIZING

From the Boscobel (Wis) Dial

Gen John Comstock, in full uniform, was very active on our streets one day last week in raising a company of dragoons for the Black Hills He says he wants a company of 100 able-bodied men—men that are not accustomed to drinking water, men that can subsist on sea biscuit, antimony whiskey and dog leg tobacco—men that can sit in the saddle and take fifteen drinks of the above whiskey every fifteen minutes for fifteen days—such men he thinks would stand the trip, which he says will take about fifteen years, unless sooner discharged The General proposes to uniform and equip throughout, at his own expense, 100 men of the above calibre and will start for the Black Hills as soon as 100 names are enrolled

UNSUCCESSFUL PURSUIT

FORT SULLY, Dec 21—An Indian scout has just arrived here from Captain Tolman's command with dispatches from the Captain He reports that his command followed the Black Hills mining party until they reached the Hills At one time the soldiers were close upon the miners, but their horses gave out and the command was obliged to abandon the pursuit He says the party consisted of twenty six men and six wagons Captain Tolman expects to reach Fort Sully to morrow night, when further particulars will be obtainable

Reports reached Fort Sully to day that the Uncapapas were leaving Standing Rock Agency, having sworn vengeance against the soldiers on account of the arrest for murder of one of their band named Rain in the Face

CAPT TOLMAN'S REPORT

FORT SULLY, Dec 22—Captain Tolman, First United States Infantry, who has just returned from the pursuit of the Black Hills mining party, says I left Cheyenne on the morning of December 6 with a party of thirty eight men, including Major Bingham, United States Indian Agent, in pursuit of a party of miners *en route* for the Black Hills, whose trail was reported fresh by Indians When we struck the trail of the miners, near the South Fork of the Cheyenne River on the 11th inst. I could not tell how old it was on account of a recent snow storm We followed the trail into the Hills, entering where Custer came out, between Harney's Peak and Bear Butte We penetrated a distance of thirty miles, and found that the miners had pushed straight through the Hills, following Custer's old trail We also found that the Indians story of the freshness of the trail was false, as I covered twenty seven days' march of the miners in ten days We met two Indians at this point who had seen the miners enter the hills, and who had followed them about forty miles further The Indians said the party consisted of twenty-one men and six teams of oxen, and that none of the party could speak Indian, as they had tried to communicate with them I gave up the pursuit, as our rations and forage were nearly exhausted, and made the return trip in six days, having traveled four hundred and ninety miles We had unusually mild weather for this season of the year, and found an abundance of green grass among the foot hills and plenty of antelope, black-tailed deer and other small game We found quartz rock but did not stop long enough to determine whether it contained gold or not. We saw numerous places where the miners had been prospecting I should judge the weather was much milder among the Hills than on the plains but that more snow fell there We found plenty of running water after the first four days out, but during that time had to melt snow to obtain a supply We saw no Indians, except the two mentioned, and one lodge of friendly Sioux on Cheyenne river

ANOTHER MILITARY EXPEDITION

OMAHA, Neb , Dec 23—General Ord received the following dispatch yesterday from Colonel Bradley

An Indian came into Spotted Tail on the 17th and reported that twelve days before he met a party of twenty one white men, with six teams, on Elk Creek, at the eastern foot of the Black Hills They came from Missouri, and were going into the Hills

The following is his reply

Send a company of cavalry from Camp Sheridan or Robinson, as you think best, to overhaul the party in the Black Hills, and to expel it from the Indian Territory under the instructions of Sept 3 from headquarters military division Furnish the command with a good supply of tents, stores, and blankets for men and beasts

The command will start when the weather will permit

RESPECT FOR THE TREATY

Secretary Delano has written a letter to the Secretary of War in which he says

The Black Hills country is secured by treaty to the Sioux Indians, and I respectfully request that the most effective measures within the power of the War Department may be adopted toward all persons making encroachments upon the said territory, and that all intruders be pursued, overtaken and expelled from it

GOLD IN PAYING QUANTITIES

From the Sioux City Journal—23d

Our special dispatch from Fort Sully gives an interesting report of the pursuit by Capt Tolman's command of a party of adventures The soldiers penetrated the Black Hills quite a distance, but were compelled to return without their game The expedition has served to demonstrate that a trip from the Missouri River to the Black Hills at any season of the year is not a perilous undertaking The distance from Fort Sully appears to be only about 200 miles, with plenty of water and forage most of the distance There appear from the Captain's statement, to be miners in the Hills, and at work, and there seems to be nothing in the way of weather or Indians, to interfere with their prospecting Other information, recently received, represents that the miners there are finding gold in paying quantities, even at this most unfavorable season of the year for gulch mining We trust the unlawful character of the work may soon be removed by an extinguishment in some way of the Indian title and the opening of the country to the free possession of white men and workers

Press and Dakotaian

Thursday, December 31, 1874

Christmas day was celebrated with the usual observances throughout the country, and with the very favorable weather which everywhere prevailed the fullest enjoyment the occasion allows was brought out

One Stout, a hardy and fearless son in-law of Indianapolis, has just secured a judgment of $500 against the mother of his wife for depriving him of the affections of the latter by machinations, which the court, in its wisdom deemed reprehensible

The Louisiana returning board has completed its labors, and the result shows the election of three republicans and three democratic members of congress The constitutional amendments are declared carried by about 10,000 majority Bienville parish, which gave Grant and Kellogg 600 votes in 1872, and Dubuclet no vote this year, is not counted, and Grant parish, the scene of the Colfax massacre, is also thrown out, though it gave a small republican majority

The report of the returning board of the state of Louisiana, just made public, shows conclusively the existence of an organized band of democrats in that state under the name of "The White League,' whose purpose it is to intimidate by threats, personal injuries, and murders, the white and black republican voters from exercising their right of suffrage The report goes into the details of this subject and gives the effect of the operations of the league in various localities in Louisiana As the board is composed of about equal numbers of republicans and democrats, this document cannot possibly be construed into an effort to excite political prejudices at the north

WHY CONCEAL THE TRUTH?

Should we base an opinion of the financial condition of the people of Dakota upon the Christmas sales of our retail merchants and fancy goods dealers, we might conclude that the past had been a prosperous season for all classes, including farmers and laborers, but there are so many indications of destitution among these latter classes—reports of such undeniable character—that we are forced to conclude that while there are many who have and are enjoying a fair degree of prosperity, their numbers are equalled if not exceeded by another unfortunate class who not only could not afford to enjoy the festivities of Christmas, but are unable to provide themselves and those dependent upon them with proper food and comfortable clothing

This is particularly true of farmers in nearly every portion of the territory whose crops were despoiled by insects last summer, and who had no other resources left to provide the necessities of life for the present winter

It is urged by some well meaning persons, who do not deny the fact that some of our people are destitute and suffering, that we should not allow this condition to be made public, because it will drive immigration away from the territory—that those classes east who are looking for new homes in the west will not seek a section where insects devour the crops and people cannot make a living

While we can admire the zeal of those persons in behalf of the growth of Dakota, we do not share their fears of the injury to be done the territory by permitting the truth to be known at the same time respecting that class of unfortunates here whose faithful industry has met with no reward, and without any fault of their own, find themselves penniless and destitute at a season when labor is a plentiful commodity without capital to employ it

Were it practicable for those here who are blessed with an abundance to supply the needy, and could there be a disposition shown through a well directed organization, to search out and relieve all cases of destitution, there would be no necessity of going abroad for relief, but it is the refinement of cruelty and inhumanity, while we refuse to furnish the relief needed, or confess our inability to do so, to shut the gates of charity entirely, and leave our needy to suffer and to starve because it will damage the chances of the territory for immigration The policy is a short-sighted one as well We can not if we would, disguise from the world at large, that the grasshoppers have devoured our crops in certain districts It has already been heralded on lightning's wings to the uttermost corners of the Union, along with like reports from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota, and if such report is calculated to do the territory any damage, the hurt is already inflicted, and while this is the case, Dakota is receiving none of the generous assistance which is flowing into Kansas, Nebraska and other sections from the well filled coffers of the humane thousands in the older states While we suffer in person and in pocket, and while the reputation of the territory receives a heavy blow through the broad cast reports which have gone abroad, we do not with other sections who have suffered much more in reputation, receive any of that assistance which would place our poor upon their feet when seed time returns, and prepare them amply for the next season's labors.

But we have not the least fear that immigration or capital will be kept out of the territory because it is known that grasshoppers destroyed growing fields of grain last summer There had many years elapsed wherein Dakota enjoyed perfect immunity from plague ere the blight fell in August last,—years of wonderful growth—and there will be another succession of years in which the labors of our husbandmen will be amply rewarded

The settlement of our country in its progress westward has been marked by years of great and extensive misfortunes—insects and drouth, as well as Indians have met the pioneer and overwhelmed him, almost, with dire disaster, but the spirit of progress, the march of empire, has continued, until the continent is well nigh spanned with towns and cultivated fields Misfortunes, greater in degree though different in character, from this which now afflicts, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota, misfortunes beyond the control of men, have fallen upon every section of our country, but their damaging effect has been in every instance transitory Earthquakes have shook the foundations of the golden state, pestilence has frequently pervaded almost every hamlet in the land, destructive hurricanes have swept away prosperous communities and strewn along their path hundreds of blighted homes and the accumulated wealth of generations, while drouth has oppressed the industry of every rural population in the country, and robbed it of its reward, and yet we find the most magnificent edifices adorning the cities where the trembling earthquake so frequently gives note of disaster, the whirlwind's course is hidden in blooming fields and drouth is forgotten in the abundance of subsequent harvest, and adorned with happy, prosperous homes, and so will it be in Dakota The sun of plenty and prosperity, clouded in 1874, will shine out brighter and more effulgent in 1875, and the few brief months now swiftly passing be almost forgotten in the prosperity which will flow from another bountiful harvest

Let us lose no time, therefore, in aiding by every means we can command the sufferers now crying at our doors, and above all let the great generous hearted east have an opportunity to contribute of its abundance to the suffering poor of Dakota.

A FEW ERRORS CORRECTED

The editor of the Sioux Falls Pantagraph has taken occasion to evolve from his proportion of the bile that lurks in every Christmas feast a violent and unexplanable attack upon the city of Yankton For instance, to begin with, referring to the legislature, he says

> From first to last there has not been a bill introduced at this session of that august body that will benefit any part of the territory except Yankton county The wire pullers have managed to throw dust in the eyes of a majority of the country members making them think that the Star of Empire was domiciled in Yankton that the sun rises and sets for its especial benefit, and that it is the Mecca to which all the residents of the territory must go to perform their devotions To such an extent is this the case that unless YANKTON is to be benefitted directly no bill can be passed

Out of the members of the legislature, Yankton county has eight and the territory at large thirty-nine The thirty-one members outside the county can therefor conclude that the foregoing assault upon Yankton is a direct reflection upon their integrity and ability provided it is a true statement of legislative doings, which men who are well posted seem inclined to doubt So far but few measures have passed the legislature—two bills, we believe, and a few memorials It is a noticeable fact in this connection that almost the first business of that body was the adoption of a memorial asking for the establishment of a mail route from Sioux Falls to Lake Benton, Minn Thus far Yankton has not had an additional mail route bestowed upon its people and none of them are seriously mad about it, so far as heard from Yet it would occur to the reader of the article referred to in the Sioux Falls Pantagraph that its editor should have the benefit of all the mail routes that can possibly be spared He needs them if the following paragraph from his paper can be relied upon as a sample of his information upon public affairs:

> They have introduced a bill to re district the territory wherein is it better than the old division? Simply that Yankton gains by the change and Clay and Union are given a sugar plum so that their ten votes will be cast for a proposition to tax the whole territory $2,000 for emigrant houses to be built at YANKTON Just as though Yankton had a divine right to take every cent the new comers to the territory may be possessed of and as though it was the only place through which emigrants can reach our fertile prairies when in fact it is the only portion of the territory where the country has been long enough settled for the people to make such improvements from their own resources But then there is no telling to what depths greed and avarice will take men otherwise inclined to be respectable

In explanation, and for the purpose of conveying information to the editor of the Pantagraph, we will state that the proposed bill for the location of an immigrant house here appropriates only $1000 of territorial money for the expenses of that enterprise The provisions of the bill specify that the city of Yankton must pay the other $1000 In addition to this, Yankton's proportion of the $1000 tax on territorial funds will be about $300, leaving $700 for the territory at large to pay and $1300 for the city to pay As this point is the end of the railroad which brings most of the immigrants into the territory it is obvious that they should here be provided for, else the erection of a building for their accommodation would not accommodate them to any great extent

The bill to "re-district the territory" is simply a bill to define the judicial districts within the territory and has especial reference to Northern Dakota and does not materially affect the present status in the region contiguous to Yankton

In view of all the errors cited, we deem it advisable for the editor of the Pantagraph to find out what he is talking about before he attempts to excite the local prejudices of the people of Dakota The whole territory is here represented in the legislature, and it is probable that every man in it knows what is going on better than does the irate quill driver referred to, who makes use of the columns of his paper to exhibit to the people a combination of ignorance and petty spite which is damaging only where it comes under the notice of those who have no means of knowing that his statements are erroneous

PROOF TO BE FURNISHED.

Congress has appointed committees of investigation to proceed to Vicksburg and to Louisiana to obtain evidence upon the subject of the recent murders and massacres in those localities which have brought disgrace upon the name of a free and enlightened country The result of these investigations will show the people, and the editor of the Herald, that there is much sad truth in the daily accounts of outrages received from the south Time was, not long ago, when even republicans faltered in this belief of such reports The sickening details seemed almost like the fancies of overwrought imagination, placed before the people for partizan purposes But confirmation has proved their truth, and we doubt not that the labors of the committees above mentioned will develop even a more deplorable condition of affairs in Mississippi and Louisiana than is now supposed to exist Evidence of past outrages is so ample that no reasonable man will attempt to argue its falsity, and an effort to furnish good and sufficient excuses for the wholesale slaughter of harmless negroes embodies the assumption of a position from which common humanity will recoil with horror We do not deem it necessary to enter into any argument to prove that murder is a crime The laws of civilization have so recognized the act for centuries back and an attempt to maintain any other position will fall of its own weight White or black, a human being is entitled to the privilege of an existence upon our earth, and if it is the defence of this principle which moves the Herald to announce that we are "a satisfactory republican" then it seems to us that we would not want to be anything else

Louisiana gives 938 majority for the republican nominee for state treasurer. It is reported from Washington that Gen. Sheridan has been ordered to New Orleans, to assume personal command, there being indications of another outbreak of the McEnery element.

FOREST CULTURE.

There is perhaps no subject in which the people of Dakota are more generally interested than the production of timber for the treeless plains of their territory There is every reason why the subject should demand their attention Timber is needed for fuel, for building purposes for wind breaks, as a rain producing agent, for the beauty their presence imparts to the landscape and as a means of modifying the rigors of winter's temperature. We can hardly place any limit to the advantages to be derived from the transformation which might be effected in a few years by the institution of systematic efforts towards the production of forests. George M Powell in a recent paper upon this subject, says

> Becquerel estimates that practical experience in the valley of the Rhone has demonstrated a simple hedge able to act as a shelter belt for a space to the leeward of it of width equal to eleven times the height of the hedge A test of over a quarter of a century, in one of the richest sections of Illinois has proved that twenty acres planted to forest trees will supply fuel and fencing for a farm of 160 acres and also furnish a secure shelter belt for successful fruit growing The same plan with a little scientific elaboration would move not only the fruit but the winter wheat zone several degrees north in our great western garden of the new world The Belgian Elysium near Antwerp above den bed will help to make this more plain Suppose that instead of parallel straight rows there were parallel semi parallelogram lines of trees planted on the northwest, or most exposed corners of western prairie farms the angles of the sides running thence from each angle south and east The spaces between the lines may be so wide as to cover several acres in each case Here fruit in great variety could be successfully raised in regions where it has utterly failed before Winter wheat could here be sown in a season of less hurry and consequently greater economy of labor, besides giving a yield of a grain bringing a higher price than that sowed in the spring Cotton and other crops could also by this union of forest and agricultural engineering be moved to the northward - Meantime this timber growing portion of each farm would be paying for itself as such besides helping to regulate the rain fall and kindred questions

If arguments are necessary in this connection they can be multiplied Dakota's winds are the objectionable feature of its climate, but they can be modified so that the dreaded "blizzards" of to-day would be banished from the land We quote as follows

> In consequence of the felling of the woods in the Apennines the sirocco prevails greatly on the right bank of the Po in the Parmesan territory and in a part of Lombardy It injures the harvests and the vineyards and sometimes ruins the crops of the season To the same cause many ascribe the meterological changes in the precincts of Modena and Reggio In the communes of the districts where formerly straw roofs resisted the force of the winds tiles are now hardly sufficient, in others where tiles answered for roofs, large slabs of stone are now ineffectual, and in many neighboring communes the grapes and the grain are swept off by blasts of the south and southwest On the other hand says Marsh According to the same authority the pinery of Porto near Ravenna—which is thirty three kilometers long, and is one of the oldest pine woods in Italy—having been replanted with resinous trees after it was unfortunately cut has relieved the city from the sirocco to which it had become exposed and in a great degree restored its ancient climate —*Le Alpi Che Changono l' Italie* pp 30 and 31

The laws of Dakota are formed with a view to the encouragement of timber growing and as far as they allude to the subject they are excellent But more legislation is needed before the proper inducements will exist for the encouragement of tree farming It is a branch of agriculture that has in the past been too much neglected

THE TRUTH.

Facts About the Vicksburg Massacre Which it will be well to Read

From the Cincinnati Commercial

That a false account of the slaughter of colored men in the neighborhood of Vicksburg has been spread over the country by those who are sympathizers with the aggressors, guilty of needless and most wicked bloodshed, we are not at liberty to doubt

We have, from a source that commands confidence, a statement that is due the country. Our information is that the active whites of Vicksburg had some time since determined to "clean out" the present office-holders Three of those office-holders were indicted at the last term of the grand jury. Crosby the sheriff was the one specially aimed at It was determined that he should be put out of office The papers insisted on the Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday of last week and requiring Crosby to give good bond A meeting of that body was called, and it is known that the intention was to require Crosby to give a good bond

But the citizens headed by a hot headed and irresponsible set of men, put out an incendiary circular calling for a meeting of the citizens of the county on the same day the Board of Supervisors were to meet—And every one knew full well that it was the intention that the Board should be forced to do what was wanted, or personal violence used So the country members failed to put in an appearance But the citizens held their meeting. It was attended most by the younger men and irresponsible parties spoiling for a row. During the session a committee of lawyers were appointed to report if all legal means to oust Crosby had been exhausted A majority of the committee reported that all legal means had not been exhausted A minority report was made by two young limbs of the law saying that all legal means had been exhausted, and that the time for action had come By "action" they meant force, and by force they meant the rope No concealment was made in their talk about hanging, etc A committee was appointed to wait upon certain officials and demand their resignation The meeting adjourned to await the report The officials who could be found begged time to consult their lawyers, but failed to reply in the time given them On the reassembling of the meeting in the afternoon, and hearing the report of their committee, they resolved to adjourn in a body to the court house and demand the resignation of the officers On reaching the court house all the officers fled but Crosby He signed a resignation No one concealed what his fate would be if he had not done so He would have been hanged on the spot As soon as he got out of the clutches of the mob he wrote a letter to Judge Brown, of the circuit court, stating that he took back his resignation, as he was compelled to sign it to save his life He was then out of the county, on his way to Jackson

The morning after this row Judge Brown tried to hold court, but the parties left in charge of the court house refused to let the deputy enter the court room, and so court has been adjourned from day to day since then On Friday a rumor got abroad that Crosby was about to make a good bond, by placing his office in the hands of some person or another acceptable to the people, and retiring, leaving all control to such deputy Two or three good parties agreed to take the position, and arrangements had been made with their friends to make a bond that could be ample and beyond dispute When this was heard a meeting of the citizens in the city was called, which resolved to frown down any such effort The next morning the papers contained notices warning white citizens from going on the bond, and this, too in the face of repeated assertions that no charge was made against Crosby except his failure to give a good bond On the streets the threats were numerous that no man's life would be safe who went on such bond

Crosby returned from Jackson on Friday, with instructions from the governor to take possession of his office, and to call on the aid of the militia to sustain him He sent news to the country for the negroes to come in on Monday and report to the court house. They came, were met at the city limits and slaughtered—simply slaughtered and butchered They were chased through the woods and fields and shot down like dogs Many were shot after they gave up and some were shot on their knees while begging for mercy The spirit of demons was in the people It was not safe for any one not in full accord with them to be on the street One poor old negro by the name of Ambrose Brown was ordered off the street by Capt Cowan, a former rebel battery commander, and being tardy in going, Cowan deliberately shot him Many prisoners were taken and kept in the court house, and taken out in the morning With winks and nods, and laughter and jest, it was reported that three of the most obnoxious made their escape, which means they had simply been murdered while prisoners

This is unquestionably the truth of the massacre, and the people of the nation should fully recognize all its enormities The worst of it is that the persons who have been guilty of this wholesale murder fully justify themselves upon the statement of facts we have given, and we are bound to add they are animated by the conviction that there has been a political revolution in the north, and their day has come

The Shreveport Times says Louisiana "expects every man to do his duty" The St Louis Globe responds "If the people of Louisiana are so anxious that every man shall do his duty, it occurs to us that they should begin by raising more sugar and less h—"

DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

11th Session—3d Biennial.

COUNCIL—TWENTY-SECOND DAY

MONDAY, Dec 28, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called All present

Mr Lawrence presented a petition from B F Slaughter claiming the seat now occupied by E A Williams from the 5th council district which was referred to the committee on elections

Mr Lawrence from committee on elections reported council bill No 25, providing for the time for holding the general elections in Dakota territory, recommending its passage Made special order for 11 30 to morrow

On motion of Mr Fraley, Jas S Foster was invited to a seat within the bar of the council

Mr Lawrence gave notice of a memorial to the President of the United States in relation to land officers in Southern Dakota

Mr. Jolley introduced council bill No 47, a bill for an act to locate a territorial road from Sioux Falls to Brule City, via Rockport, D T

House bill No 16, an act to repeal an act to enable counties and townships to vote aid to any railroads, was then referred to the Yankton county delegation

House bill No 17, to establish commissioner and assessor districts in Union county, was referred to the Union county delegation

House bill No. 21, to provide for the care of lunatics in Dakota territory, was then referred to the committee on expenditures

House bill No 22, an act to prevent the division of organized counties in Dakota territory, was referred to committee on counties

Council bill No 11, a memorial for a grant of land to aid the University of Dakota, was referred to the committee on federal relations

Council bill No 45, relating to garnishment, was referred to the judiciary

Council bill No 46, to authorize certain townships in Union county to vote upon the question of a herd law, was referred to the Union county delegation

The council then adjourned until 10 30, to morrow

HOUSE—TWENTY SECOND DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr. Bothun gave notice of a bill allowing the county of Minnehaha to vote aid in the construction of railroads in said county

Mr Moody introduced house bill No 31, providing a board of education for the city of Yankton, Dakota territory, and relating to the management of the public schools therein, which was referred to the Yankton county delegation

Council bills Nos 21, 33, 34, 35 and 36 were read first time

On motion of Mr Anderson, the house adjourned

COUNCIL—TWENTY-THIRD DAY

TUESDAY, Dec 29, 1874

Council met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Mr Lawrence presented a petition from certain citizens of Union county, as follows

ELK POINT TOWNSHIP }
UNION COUNTY, D T Dec 26, 1874 }

To the Honorable body of the Legislature of Dakota Territory

As it has come to our understanding that a bill has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly to repeal the herd law in Elk Point and other townships in Union county, Dakota, therefore we the undersigned citizens of Elk Point township most sincerely ask that such a bill be overruled as we are not prepared to take care of our stock such as cattle and horses, and our fields are open and we are not able to fence the same, and if the herd law is repealed it will leave us in such a shape that we can not sow any grain, it will ruin the farming interest thus far that if we sow any grain the cattle of our own and adjoining townships will come in and destroy it The parties who have signed petitions for the repeal of the herd law are mostly citizens of the city of Elk Point and the timber lands along the Missouri river below, and parties outside that do not reside in those townships The repeal of this law is asked for the benefit of a few men who are well off who say they can buy the cattle of those that are not able to keep them for a small price, and then let them run at large and destroy the crops of those who have not the means to fence their fields, and therefore we earnestly ask that such a bill be overruled, for which your petitioners ever pray

Thomas Thompson	Pete Brown,
Gunder Moe	John W Olson
Ole Lunderson	Frank R Chapin
Andrew Elfson	B M Brink
Ellen Christopherson	N Grover,
Jens Ellefson	E Hyde
Ole Christianson	I S Benton
L Paulson,	John W Appleton
Andrew M Myers,	Edward Hughes
John J Ven	Edward Lambert
Andre Van Vernon,	John Mores,
B Janson	John Flemery,
Leonard Loggart,	J G Whitney,
Lewis Wilson	Ozias Wright,
Warren Fisk,	Daniel Flemery
William Frank,	C Northrop,
J A, Pettit	M Monsine
T L Davis,	Wm Baldwin
Lewis Y Trowbell	John Walsh
P L Maynard	S Cramrine
J C Brieryard,	A O Ringsrud,
Willard Allen,	Chas L Quick,
Isaac Lower	

On motion of Mr Williams, the petition was referred to the Union county delegation

Mr Lawrence from the judiciary committee reported house bill No 1 to repeal section 10 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1872-3, also

Council bill No 41, relating to the challenging of jurors in civil cases recommending their passage The bills both passed

Mr Branch from the committee on incorporations reported council bill No 37, to repeal section 14, chapter 15, of the laws of 1867-8 regulating incorporations, recommending its passage The bill passed

Mr West from the Yankton county delegation, reported house bill No 16, to repeal an act to enable counties and towns to vote aid to railroads, recommending its passage The bill passed

On motion of Mr Lawrence, the president appointed Messrs Williams, Sheafe, Lawrence, Fraley, Austin, McHench and Harlan a joint committee for the council on apportionment

Council bill No 23, to change the time of holding the general elections in Dakota Territory, was passed

Mr Jolley gave notice of a bill assigning the judges of the supreme court of this territory and for other purposes, also of a bill providing for county officers and defining their duties

Mr Fraley introduced council bill No 18 to legalize the official acts of certain officers in Bon Homme county

The council then adjourned

HOUSE—TWENTY-THIRD DAY

House met pursuant to adjournment Speaker in the chair Prayer Roll called Quorum present

Council bills Nos 39, 42 and 43 were read a first time

Council bill No. 22, a memorial to congress for a mail route from Yankton via Jamesville to Childstown, was passed

Council bill No 28, a memorial to congress asking an appropriation for the erection of a building in Dakota Territory, for for the accommodation of the various public officers, and legislative assembly, was passed

A message from the governor summoned his approval of house bill No 10, to provide an immigration house at Yankton, Dakota Territory

Council bill No 18, repealing chapter 6 of the laws of 1864-5, was passed

Council bill No 9, amending section 114 of an act entitled an act to establish the courts and define the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, approved January 4, 1866, and re enacted by section 2 of chapter 6 of the laws of 1872-3, approved January 9, 1873, was passed

Council bill No 30, to amend section 27, chapter 13, of the laws of 1867-8, was passed

Council bill No 32, relating to injuries to persons and property, was passed

House bill No 9, an act to establish a bureau of immigration for the territory of Dakota, was taken up and debated

Mr Wahl moved that the rules be suspended, and that the report of the majority of the election committee in the case of the contest between W T McKay and Edmund Hackett, be re committed to the election committee, with instructions to report the testimony taken, and their opinion thereon

Mr Bruce introduced house bill No 32, to organize and define the boundaries of the county of Traill, and for other purposes

Mr Williams introduced house bill No 33, for an act to regulate printers fees

Mr Bothun introduced house bill No 34, to provide punishment for offenses committed against certain real property

The house then took a recess until 2 p m

THE NORTHWEST.

Brief Items of Interest from Various Points.

DAKOTA

The Missouri river is still open at Springfield

Fargo has 500 inhabitants Lots can be had from $50 to $100

The telegraph has been extended from Bismarck to Fort Lincoln

Northern Light Lodge I O O F, Fargo, give a grand ball to morrow evening

Michael Ryan succeeds E M Walters as proprietor of the Jefferson postoffice

The Fargo Express makes mention of a light snow fall in that locality last week

Canton celebrated Christmas with a concert by home talent and a masonic banquet

Prairie chickens and quails are being brought into Vermillion in moderate quantities

Three inches of snow whitened the landscape at Sioux Falls on Tuesday of last week

Ex Gov Burbank, formerly our executive, is reported to have taken unto him self a wife

Henry Storm asks for a license to run a ferry boat between Dakota and Nebraska at Niobrara

A centennary lecture by the Rev J E Holt, was promised to the Elk Pointers last evening

Eighteen bushels of wheat to the acre is the estimate placed on 20,000 bushels raised in Cass county

M W Bailey delivered the address at the Canton school house dedication on Christmas eve

Ninety eight scholars submitted themselves to inspection at a recent school meeting at Sioux Falls

Preparations for considerable building in Sioux Falls during 1875, are being made in the item of quarrying stone

Jacob Dwell, of Fargo, lost a valuable horse through the ice a week ago Sunday and has not yet succeeded in recovering it

The Canton Times and Eclipse shows its enterprise by issuing a three column, four-page, local daily during holiday week

The contract for putting six iron cells into the Cass county jail has been let to John Ross for $2,500 in bonds of the county

The proprietors of Headquarters hotel donate the use of their parlors for the regular services of the Fargo Episcopalian society

The probabilities are that Lincoln county will now have a court house, public sentiment being divided only upon the location of the building

An "impudent trick" according to the Vermillion Republican, is to stare through the windows of "a private house, a store or some one's office"

The editor of the Fargo Express listened to two interesting sermons, by Rev John Webb, the other Sunday That's what kind of a man he is

Hans Hogland, Cass county, harvested 64 bushels of wheat from the product of 2 bushels, and 200 bushels of oats from the product of 3½ bushels

The Sioux Valley News chronicles the arrival of another inhabitant—J S Benedict, who will give one half his time to business in Sioux Falls

A meeting of the citizens of Canton was held Dec 19th, 1874, for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary relief society to the relief society at Elk Point

The Springfield Times speaks as follows of the situation "There are no grasshopper sufferers in our county who are in absolute want that we can hear of"

A "week of prayer" under the auspices of the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches, will commence at Vermillion January 4th A D 1875

The Sioux Falls Pantagraph enters upon its fourth volume with the new year and its prosperous condition reflects credit upon the ability of its management

An Indian who arrived at Ft Sully on the 27th inst, reports that the mail carrier between Grand River and Standing Rock has been murdered by the Uncapapas

The Canton Times *et al* puts down the 17th inst as the day when winter "advented" in that locality, four inches of snow inducing the editor to make the frigid record

Col J B Potter, formerly a colonel of the 6th Iowa, and commandant at Fort Randall in 1863 4, is now engaged in soliciting aid for the grasshopper sufferers of Dakota

J B Pinkerton, of Fargo, whom the Express denominates as "the courteous and affable telegraph operator," has been transferred to Brainard and will be succeeded by Clem Greene

Cass county contains 25,000 acres of timber 129,526 acres of public land have been settled upon and sold within her borders, 1,000,000 bushels of grain are expected next season

Seventeen dollars was the net proceeds of Rev Mr Sheldon's lecture for the benefit of the Congregational church at Elk Point, on Tuesday the 22d This amount clears the society of debt

The Sioux Falls brewery burst its tank one day last week, and 15 barrels of larger were run into the ground The German citizens of that burg now talk of purchasing the lager soaked premises for cemetery purposes

Dr J C Reynolds is preparing to desert Canton and return to Geneva Lake, Wisconsin The latter is a pleasant spot, but the doctor will find himself longing for Dakota's attractions before many months have elapsed

The Fargo Express gives its usual weekly article on the probable splendid future for that city and in the course of its remarks mention the fact that Fargo will eventually become the capital of the new territory to be organized in Northern Dakota

The Dubuque Herald of a recent date says that the Iowa and Dakota railroad will be built simultaneously with the completion of the Iowa Pacific to Fort Dodge, "provided the people along the line make safe the subsidies heretofore voted and pledged in aid of the enterprise" The Iowa and Dakota will cross the Big Sioux and enter this territory either at Canton or near Sioux Falls

The old settlers society of Clay county met in annual session May 23d, and elected Miles Russell, president, James McHenry, E M Bond and M S Burr, vice presidents, T W Sewell, recording secretary, C H True, corresponding secretary and C Snyder, treasurer The society will have an entertainment January 8th, the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, when Hon J P Kidder will deliver an essay on the life and character of Hon Ole Bottolf son and other whilom members of the society for whom "life's fitful dream is o'er"

James M Stone & Co, of Yankton, shipped 2 car loads of baled hay from Meckling station to Chicago, on the 23d inst This was the first shipment of this variety of Dakota's produce that has ever been sent to an eastern market, but it is only the commencement of an industry which will grow into gigantic magnitude in the near future This company have 1,000 tons more to ship and the fertile prairies of Dakota could furnish thousands more of the most nutritious grasses, which in years past have been allowed to go to waste, becoming food for the annual fires that sweep, with the besom of destruction across these productive plains

NEBRASKA

The next meeting of the State Grange will be held at Fremont

W B Porter of Cass county, has been elected Master of the state grange

The Lincoln reading rooms, established by the temperance women, continue to flourish

The state grange has appointed a committee of three to take charge of grasshopper relief fund

William McWaters has been convicted in the Otoe county district court of murder in the second degree

There is a possibility by next spring of a large detachment of soldiers being placed on the Little Platte

An Illinois firm has made application for a lease of the Ponca coal mines It proposes to go to the depth of a thousand feet

Judge Paxton and Anson Astleford have commenced hauling chalk stone for two new buildings to be erected in Niobrara in the spring

The consecration of the Right Rev Dr Garrett as missionary bishop of Northern Texas took place in Trinity cathedral, in Omaha, on the 20th inst

Saunders county last year raised 450 000 bushels of corn and 600 000 bushels of wheat This year, 100,000 bushels of corn and 800,000 bushels of wheat Grasshoppers took the corn

COLORADO

Mr Church is shipping from eighty to ninety tons of ore weekly from Georgetown to Black Hawk

On Sunday a special train left Pueblo a little after 9 a m, and arrived in Denver at 1 50 p m, making the running time less then five hours

John Thompson, a practical miner, has taken an $8 000 contract in the Revenue mine, in Hall valley, Park county This mine is situated at an altitude of 12,000 feet

Big Springs, twenty five miles east of Pikes Peak, is put down as the popular antelope resort of Colorado A dozen cotton tails per day is average luck for average hunters

Prominent business men of Greeley are in correspondence with a party in Missouri looking to the establishment of woolen mill The colony board have offered land and water power

The Canfields expect to place coal in Greeley next month at $4 per ton If so, manufactures will surely follow They have a lease for twenty years of an excellent coal bank near Erie

Chris Halverson and J K Long are running a six stamp gold mill on James Creek, in Boulder county, and making a success of it The Boulder News says that during the past season the mill has crushed seventy five cords of gold ore, which yielded over $5,000

The Rocky Mountain News states that the Chicago artist Elkins, whose 'Mount Shasta" took the first premium at Vienna and filled all Europe with envy, is giving the finishing touches to what will, it is thought, prove his greatest work, a study of Virginia canon and its magnificent vista, sketched from the head of Russell gulch, back of Central

Gilpin county has shipped gold this year as follows January, $59 940, February, $81,415, March, $97,290, April, $94,075, May, $119,135, June, $118,925, July, $93,270, August, $86,110, September, $93,866 October, $113,171, November, $86,370, December (estimated) at least $120,000, or a total of $1,164,186, an average of $97,013 per month

IOWA

Missouri Valley claims to possess a [illegible] bed of mineral paint

Clinton Methodists now worship in a $40,000 church, all paid for

Muscatine proposes to erect a soldiers' monument at a cost of $6 000

Mrs Anna R Evans is after the Fort Dodge saloon keepers for $10,000 for the ruination of husband

The Rev C H Seymour, pastor of St John's Episcopal church, Dubuque, Iowa, is spoken of as the probable successor of the late Bishop Lee

The Board of Fish Commissioners, Messrs Shaw, Haines and Evans, in session at Anamosa, Iowa are arranging for the distribution of a large number of California salmon in the spring streams that empty into the Maquoketa river

A meeting was held in Davenport on the 19th inst, of the leading citizens of that city and representative men of Buffalo and Blue Grass, for the purpose of taking steps toward organizing a company to build a narrow gauge railroad from Davenport to Buffalo and Blue Grass

The citizens of Lyon county hold a meeting at Rock Rapids on January 5 to take "into consideration the propriety of assisting, in money or otherwise, the first railroad that shall be built and in running order, through the county of Lyon, Iowa, commencing at some point on the Sioux City and St Paul Railway thence running to Sioux Falls, in Dakota Territory, within the next two years"

WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin State prison at Waupun contains at present sixty more prisoners than ever before

The puritans of Madison celebrated "Forefathers Day" with a grand banquet, toasts, speeches, songs, etc

The boiler at the steam saw mill of J B Laird & Co, at Angelica, exploded on the 21st inst, killing seven men

Mrs Asa Hutchinson, the celebrated singer of the Hutchinson family, died very suddenly of apoplexy at Rushford, on the 20th inst The body was taken to Minneapolis for interment

A M Thompson has entered suit in the circuit court at Milwaukee against the Sentinel Printing Company and Senator Matt H Carpenter, virtually to recover his control of the paper It is understood he will claim that he was ousted from the company by conspiracy

A petition is being circulated in LaCrosse, by Jacob Spaulding, of Black River Falls, asking the Legislature to memorialize Congress for the conferring of citizenship upon the Winnebago Indians of Wisconsin A correspondent says "The movement is considered proposterous, and the solicitations are received with indignation by all intelligent citizens"

GENERAL

The particular band of Cheyennes that has been making trouble on the plains during the past season is preparing to surrender

The Oregon and Central Pacific Railroad Company ask subsidy from Congress for completing its road It desires the government to guarantee 4 per cent gold interest on its bonds and accept a first mortgage

At Albuquerque, New Mexico, the other day, a chivalrous Mexican gentlemen called upon his *inamorata*, who is the belle of the burgh, and, upon asking for and being refused a salute of the lips, drew a dirk knife and stabbed the girl till her life is now despaired of

There are now pending in the several judicial districts of Utah, one indictment for polygamy, and nineteen for murder in connection with the Mountain Meadow massacre of 1857 Two of the parties indicted for murder, John D Lee and W H Dane, are now in confinement

The merchants exchange and board of trade of St Louis, have united in a memorial praying congress to grant the aid desired by the Texas Pacific and the Atlantic Railroads They argue that competition of roads is necessary for the protection of the southern frontier, and much more

The success of the races just closed at Santa Fe is a part of the history of New Mexico On the last day there were over 5,000 people at the course They came from all parts of the territory, some a distance of three hundred miles The two biggest purses, viz $200 and $300, were taken by the owner of Cotton eyed Joe, the fleetest runner in all that southern country

CRIME.

Some of the Irregularities which have Occurred During the Past Week

LOUISVILLE KY, Dec 22—A special to the Courier Journal says A W Hodges postmaster at Lancaster, Ky, was shot and killed in his office last night by Ebenezer Best

LOUISVILLE, KY, Dec 25—The celebration of Christmas in this city was marked by a number of shooting and cutting affrays, none of them, however, likely to result seriously

FT WAYNE, Ind, Dec 21—Three horses, a covered wagon and a set of harness were stolen from this neighborhood on Saturday night A gang of thieves is operating here

CINCINNATI, Dec 22—An aggravated case of abortion has came to light, where by Belle Wertz was butchered by a physician Dr Hitt and others have been arrested for the crime

MEMPHIS, Dec 22—John Henry Bars a cartman, was stabbed three times and instantly killed to night by a colored man with whom he had quarreled about some feed The murderer escaped

MILFORD N H, Dec 22—Mrs Major recently died under suspicious circumstances, and her husband is suspected of having caused not only her death, but the death of her children and sister

COLUMBUS, Dec 26—Two sons of Jacob Neiswander, who lived fifteen miles north of here, have been arrested charged with murdering their father and then burning the body The boys are 14 and 18 years old

ST LOUIS, Dec 26—A nest of railroad thieves has been discovered at St Louis and John Green and James Murphy arrested for stealing bulk grain A number of well filled grain bins were found in Murphy's house

DENVER Col, Dec 20—"Slim Jim," the three card monte king of the Rocky mountains, is under arrest for obstructing the process of the United States court at Salt Lake, by aiding a notorious criminal to escape from jail

MEMPHIS, Tenn, Dec 21—In Jacksonport, Ark, one day last week, two men arrested for horse stealing, were taken from the officers by twenty men with blackened faces, who took them to the woods and there hung them to trees

JACKSONVILLE Ill, Dec 25—Last night at Prentice, in this county, at the house of Mathew Lewis Julius Elmore, Jr, son of Peter Elmore, stabbed and killed Claiborne Coker The tragedy occured at a dance The men quarreled over some trivial matter

JEFFERSONVILLE, Dec 24—Bill Rodifer, the convict and noted desperado who scaled the walls and escaped from prison Tuesday morning and robbed the residence of Mr Maur in New Albany, that night, was arrested at Memphis, Clark county, Ind, after a desperate fight

HAVANA, Ill, Dec 25—Last night, at Forest City in this county, a man named Bowman perpetrated a rape on his twelve-year old daughter When his crime was discovered he committed suicide The coroner is now holding the inquest The man was about forty five years old, and hereto fore borne a good character

TERRE HAUTE Ind, Dec 21—A well known business man by the name of M Hanrahan was arrested to day on the charge of obtaining money from his father on false pretenses He had gotten $3,000 from him When the father came to claim it this morning the dutiful son drew a revolver and threatened to shoot him if he did not leave

NEW ORLEANS, Dec 26—In a fight between Dan C Byerly, manager of the Bulletin, and ex-Governor Warmouth, on Canal street, Byerly knocked Warmouth down with a stick and jumped on him, when Warmouth, drawing his knife, stabbed Byerly several times in the abdomen The wounds are dangerous Warmouth was arrested

NEW HAMPTON, Iowa, Dec 20—Dr Hurd, while drunk attempted to perform an abortion upon Mrs Ives He gave her chloroform, and while she was under its deadening influence literally tore her to pieces, she dying several hours thereafter in fearful agony Mr Ives and the doctor were arrested and bound over for appearance at court

PUEBLO, Dec 21—Thomas J Steele, who shot and killed William Van Endett, in El Paso county, about two months ago, and who succeeded in eluding arrest, rode into Pueblo, Monday, and voluntarily surrendered to Sheriff Ellis He was bailed by Judge Belford in the sum of $12 000, his bondsmen being well known citizens of El Paso county

MEMPHIS, Tenn, Dec 24—About 8 o'clock this morning Ben Scott met John Ransom, both colored, at Wolf River bridge, two miles north of the city, and asked him for some money he owed him Ransom jumped from his wagon and began to belabor Scott with his wagon whip, when Scott drew a pistol and shot Ransom through the body, killing him instantly Scott is in jail

DENVER, Col, Dec 21—A pair of villains, who murdered their comrade, a man named McGuire, on the plains last August, and were afterward arrested at Granada, Colorado, on a charge of horse stealing, made a desperate attempt to escape from the sheriff at Wallace, Thursday They knocked the officer down and were intending to stab him, when somebody slipped up and knocked both culprits senseless with the butt end of a revolver

ST LOUIS, Mo, Dec 25—The Globe's Chester, Ill, special says Jacob and William Fisher and A Young of Ellis Grove, Randolph county, made a murderous assault upon D H Roberts last night Roberts took refuge in the store of Christ Beare, and Young, who is a notorious desperado, followed with the intention of killing him Beare ordered Young to leave the premises, which he refused to do and threatened to shoot Beare and son, whereupon James Beare, Jr, shot Young, killing him instantly

PATERSON, N J, Dec 25—About 8 o'clock to night James Vreeland, (colored) was attached by a gang of white men, who tried to rob him near the Erie depot He ran, and they followed and tried to shoot him Finally he stabbed one of his assailants, Robert Babcock, in the neck, inflicting a severe but not fatal wound A great crowd then chased Vreeland, threatening to lynch him, but he concealed himself in a house and sent for the police to whom he surrendered himself The police also arrested Charles Titus, one of Vreeland's assistants

The Gang of Train-Robbers.

[From the Denver News of the 23d]

A man named G W Robinson, a convict in the Kansas penitentiary, comes out with a statement that the plan to waylay and rob the Kansas Pacific train was conceived *six months ago*, and that he was a party to the plot But so many of the gang were arrested and convicted of various crimes that the plan was materially interfered with and indefinitely postponed He says the original plan of the robbery contemplated the stoppage of some train on the plains east of Wallace At a subsequent council of the gang, however, it was decided to select a point nearer the eastern end of the road, where they could fall back under cover of Kansas City He moreover says that one of the original gang was a resident of Denver, and that he was expected to keep his accomplices advised of shipments of bullion and the like from this end of the line

Another Greenback Man

The other day we dropped an old fashioned penny in the stove accidentally, it got red hot in a minute We took the tongs and laid it out on a wood bottom chair to cool Just then one of our regular exchange readers dropped in to spend the day with us looking over exchanges He was talking of the prospects of McDonald for the senate, and as he came to the chair he parted his coat tail and sat on the hot penny, remarking "As I was saying, I wonder if Henderson will support McDonald in preference to—whoop! thunder and blazes, ouch! d—n it!" He got up very suddenly, and stepped around with amazing rapidity There was a heavy aroma of burned clothes and fried meat in the room Our friend stretched forth his arm and said, "Henceforth I am a greenback man, d—n the specie"

Indian News

ST LOUIS, Dec 26—The following information was received at army headquarters to day

Eight warriors, thirty nine squaws and papooses, and sixty two ponies, belonging to Medicine Water's band of Cheyennes, were surrendered unconditionally at Cheyenne agency on the 20th inst Two white women are now with Stone Calf, who is said to have two lodges on Staked Plains Two messengers from Stone Calf have arrived asking for peace Word has been sent him that he can surrender unconditionally, and a demand was made for the white women

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The late Mayor Havemeyer's property is valued at from $3 000,000 to $5,000,000 There are nine heirs

One marriage out of every eighteen in virtuous Vermont is dissolved under the present divorce laws

Jefferson Rives one of the proprietors of the Congressional Globe died of apoplexy last week in Washington

The father of Charley Ross offers $5,000 reward for the return of the stolen boy, and promises to ask no questions

A narrow gauge railway, from Chicago to the Mississippi, is projected by some enterprising parties at Dixon, Ill

The German government will demand satisfaction of the Carlists for their attack on the German brig Gustave, and will get it

The writ of habeas corpus in the case of Wm M Tweed was dismissed on the 22d inst by Judge Barrett, and the prisoner was remanded to custody

The lower house of congress on the 21st inst adopted a resolution to adjourn from Wednesday the 23d inst to Tuesday the 5th of January The vote was yeas 121, nays 93

The democratic congressional convention of the fourth Tennessee district nominated Judge Samuel M F Fite, of Carthage to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon J W Head

The Board of Trade of Philadelphia have resolved to petition the legislature for the passage of a law which will permit parties to contracts to fix the interest upon money to suit themselves

A sub committee of ways and means will visit New York during the holiday recess to probe the books of the Pacific Mail Company Irwin will not be again examined until after the recess

A call has been issued for the seventh annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association, to be held at Lincoln Hall, Washington Thursday and Friday, Jan 11 and 15, 1875

President Grant has issued his proclamation commanding the Vicksburg rioters to surrender control of the offices of Warren county to the lawful authorities within five days, which means that the deposed sheriff will be reinstated

The vote in New York state for Dix in 1874 was 164,984 less than in 1872 The democratic and liberal vote was 66 000 less than in 1872 The republicans who did not vote, exceeded in number that of Tilden's majority, by 119,533

Vice President Wilson on Wednesday notified the senate that he would be present no longer during the present session, and thereupon Senator Carpenter was elected president of the senate *pro tem*, receiving every republican vote

The opinion prevails in Washington that nothing will be accomplished by congress on the subject of transportation No agreement has been arrived at with a view to concentrate the friends of the various measures proposed upon a single measure

On motion of Geo Swann, the secretary of war has been directed to cause a survey to be made of the Peninsula of Eastern Maryland and Delaware, with a view of ascertaining the best route for a ship canal between the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays

Irwin's testimony in regard to the disposition of the $750,000 of Pacific Mail money is to the effect that he spent it in Washington to secure an additional subsidy, but that he paid none of it to members of congress. He refuses to say to whom he did pay it

The ravages by the grasshoppers in Kansas have not been exaggerated There are seventeen counties in which the aggregate of 158,000 acres of corn have been planted and not one bushel produced At least 15,000 people will need assistance during the whole winter

The amount of claims made by the white settlers for depredations committed by Indians now aggregate $1,000,000 The *framing of a bill for the relief of such sufferers* is now being considered by the house committee on Indian affairs

THE finance bill agreed upon by the senate republican caucus, provides 1 For free banking without reserves 2 The retirement of $82,000 000 of greenbacks, in the proportion of 80 to 100 of new national bank notes issued, the volume of greenbacks to remain thereafter at $300 000,000 3 The withdrawal of fractional currency and the substitution of silver coin, such withdrawal to be commenced and carried forward in the discretion of the secretary of the treasury 4 Free coinage of gold 5 The resumption of specie payments on the 1st day of January, 1879

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Thursday, December 31, 1874

LOCAL MATTERS.

Interesting to Our Patrons

We shall send out, January 1st, to all subscribers in arrears, (outside of the city,) a statement of the amount due the Press and Dakotaian, in a neat pattern, with a request that they remit This action is forced on our part, as our subscription list is composed of individuals who are, almost without exception, strangers to us, and therefore invite them, one and all to pay immediately and also to accustom themselves to the idea that advance pay is the future rule in the future The postal department requires us to pay our own postage after the 1st of January, and to pay at the papers are sent We are therefore compelled, while we make no increase in our rates, to ask subscribers to accompany their orders with the cash

It is probable that we are sending papers to many persons abroad whose names were entered placed on the list by friends or relatives in Yankton As we have no means of ascertaining who these individuals are, we request those who have given such orders to call at the office and inform us of their responsibility in the premises Otherwise such parties whose names occur upon the subscription list may be annoyed by the receipt of bills for arrearages on subscriptions for which they have never given orders themselves

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GO to Eiseman's for dress trimmings

MORROW produces the finest quality of photographs

THE Scandinavians enjoyed an evening dancing in Stone's hall on Monday

EISEMAN'S merchant tailoring department has been supplied with the latest and best styles of cloths to be procured

THE Valentine broke ground on Tuesday for his new brick block, to be erected on Broadway, adjoining the Merchants

THE world would be a sandy desert of dreariness if women did not have the privilege of purchasing dress goods of L D Parmer

STANDARD linen collars for home or prom wear are the rule, broken in front just a little can be had of the best quality at Parmer's

THE regular term of the supreme court will commence on the 5th of January The motion for a new trial in the Wintermute case will be argued

PARTIES who design visiting the Black Hills in the spring should provide themselves with a suit of corduroy, from Eiseman's imported stock

WE are selling ladies hats at 50 cts, 75 cts and $1 00 Fowler & Ketchum

IF you want cheap photographs, don't go to Morrow's, he is not a *cheap* artist His principle is that "a poor picture is dear at any price" His show pictures are not imported Examine them and see

IS not the fashion to have your lace curtains cut in the center any more They look hang in one piece so as to display the beauties and hand-some pattern, and can be had only at Parmer's

PETITIONS are being circulated in the city, and extensively signed, asking the legislature to memorialize congress for relief for destitute ones in Dakota, and for the speedy payment of the Indian war claims of 1862

Fowler & Ketchum will supply the boys with paper collars at 5 cents a box Now is your time, boys

FIFTEEN years ago last Friday (Christmas day) the first white woman who settled at Yankton Mrs H C Ash reached the spot which is now the site of our growing city She still resides here, and is one of Yankton's most respected ladies

OYSTERS' oysters' oysters' at Brown's, by the can, can or dish

A SHORT special term of the district court was held during the latter part of last week and the first of the present week, for the consideration of the case of L M Kee against A J Faulk, receiver, a claim for fees as auctioneer. No decision was reached

ALBERTI & Bremner, Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Capital Drug Store 1y

TUESDAY morning was the coldest of the season, the mercury marking ten degrees below zero Ice in the river is firm enough for crossing since the freeze and the Nebraskans will once more be enabled to reach their base of supplies

BROWN has on hand everything in his line Call and see him

"I can afford to be a little extravagant now, as my husband has been elected to a position in the legislature,' said a little woman from Cedar county, the other day, as she purchased her husband a brain new suit of ready made clothes at Eiseman's

LAPHS furs from $3 50 to $7 00 at Fowler & Ketchum's

WE have received several handsome cuts of designs for New Years cards, and are prepared to furnish callers with something which will strike their fancy As a matter of convenience to us, we suggest that orders be sent in as early as possible

The "Sovereigns" to Assemble

The "squatter governor" of Dakota issues his proclamation in the current number of the Press and Dakotaian, calling together the sovereign people on the 12th day of January, at the court house, in this city There are doubtless important issues at stake else the "governor" wouldn't be so peremptory in his order The world pauses for developments

REMEMBER that every one purchasing one dollars worth of goods are entitled to a present of a sett of jewelry Fowler & Ketchum

"Open House."

The following persons will be prepared to receive New Year's calls Mrs George H Hand, Mrs Gov Pennington, Mrs S J Morrow and Miss Ida M Burke at the residence of Secretary Hand, Mrs G C Moody, at home, Mrs Wm Miner and Mrs A J Sweetser, at the residence of the former, Mrs A. J Faulk, Mrs W A Burleigh and Mrs J L Kelley, at Gov Faulk's residence

FOWLER & KETCHUM'S store is daily crowded with people selecting Christmas and New Years' gifts Their selection of dress goods cannot be surpassed by houses in larger cities

Christmas Trees.

The Sabbath schools of the Episcopal, Congregational and Methodist societies of Yankton were all haandsomely entertained on Christmas eve with a Christmas tree celebration, by which method the hearts of nearly five hundred little ones were made happy, and many appropriate gifts were bestowed upon the Sunday school teachers who have devoted themselves to familiarizing the young ideas with the path the Savior trod

OUR knit goods will be sold at a discount of 25 per cent during the holidays Fowler & Ketchum

IF you want a dish of oysters, call at Brown's

New Officials.

The advent of a new year brings many changes and not the least important of these is the substitution of a new set of county and territorial officials in the place of those who have occupied positions of public trust during the past two years We give a list of the incoming and outgoing officials

COUNTY CHANGES

Erick Iverson, of Yankton, succeeds himself as register of deeds, this being his third term

M A Baker, of Yankton, succeeds L W Case as sheriff

Fred Schnauber, of Yankton, succeeds Stephen Flick as probate judge and *ex-officio* county treasurer

J R Gamble, of Yankton succeeds P K Faulk as county attorney

O O Liabo, of Marendahl succeeds John Haskell as county assessor

Nathan Ford, of Yankton, succeeds W F Eldridge as county superintendent of schools

M T Woolley succeeds Carl C P Meyer as county surveyor

Dr. D F Etter, of Yankton, succeeds W F Eldridge as coroner

Daniel Wilcox, of Turkey Creek, succeeds John Thompson as county commissioner

James A Hand, T W Brisbine, Peter Huber and E C Walton are the incoming justices of the peace, and Geo Tarbox and P C Conway the constables

The gentlemen whose terms of office expire with the setting of to night's sun have served the county faithfully during the past two years, and their retirement to private business pursuits is directly due to the political preferences of the people of Yankton county, who have the power and the right to say who shall serve them Their successors in office are all republicans and we can therefore vouch for their integrity, honesty and ability in advance of any experience That they will faithfully perform the duties of their respective positions is assured We greet them with the compliments of the incoming year which marks their advent into public life

TERRITORIAL CHANGES

A S Jones, of Olivet, succeeds T J Sloan as auditor

John Clementson, of Elk Point, succeeds G C Maynard as treasurer

J. J McIntire, of Finlay, succeeds E W Miller as superintendent of public instruction

F J Cross, of Sioux Falls, succeeds James S Foster as commissioner of immigration

Hon. J P Kidder, of Vermillion, delegate to congress elect, will take the place of Hon M K Armstrong on the 4th of March next

Situation Wanted.

A lady desires a situation as cook Private family preferred Has had abundant experience. Address "Cook' Press and Dakotaian office

CHILDREN attention'—Fowler & Ketchum will give you a nice Christmas present if you will come to their store Now is your time

ONE 50 gallon oil can will be sold at a bargain at Fowler & Ketchum's.

Keeping "Big Sunday"

Maj Birkett, agent for the Poncas, who was in town the other day, gave us some information of the manner in which the noble red men celebrate Christmas Some two hundred masculine "Los" left his agency on the night before to join with their brethren of Yankton agency in the merry revels of "Big Sunday" (Christmas) which are each year piously observed by all good Indians who expect a corner in the *happy hunting grounds of the mysterious* future They departed somewhat stealthily and in the same manner appropriated two working oxen belonging to the agency to grace the expected feast Not that the festive Poncas preferred the joke vexed flesh of these domestic toilers to the juicy steaks of the free roving bovines of the plains, but their necessity knew no choice So they stole the oxen, as aforesaid, and went on their way rejoicing At Choteau creek the band halted for the night and there indulged in orgies which would put to shame the most industrious efforts of any well schooled crowd of civilized Christmas-eve bummers They danced all the extravagant steps of their tribe in ten or fifteen different languages They shook the startled air with a series of lung split yelling whoops, and fired their guns till the air was blue with lead This demonstration lasted until everybody in the neighborhood was satisfied that they didn't intend to go home 'till morning,' but the break of day admonished them that it was time to pay their respects to their brethren at the Yankton reservation, and they departed full of good intentions toward mankind in general A party of travelers quartered in a cabin near by felt easier under their hats when the last of the red revellers disappeared from the scene

A Pleasant Party.

The members of the Yankton Sengerbund treated their friends to a pleasant dancing party at Stone's Hall, on Saturday evening A goodly attendance was present, and it is gratifying to know that the receipts were considerably in excess of the expenditures Everybody present enjoyed the affair, and for the pleasures of the evening they can return thanks to the moving spirits, Adolph Schandein, Louis Peir and Justus Schnell, who gave their efforts to the success of the party

WHAT we give away consists of setts of jewelery, setts of ear rings, doll's necklaces, and other things too numerous to mention Fowler & Ketchum

New Postal Changes.

The postmaster general has ordered the appointment of Miss Mary V Parshall as postmistress at Rosedale, in Hanson county, in place of Arthur V Parshall, resigned Also the establishment of a post office at Redwing, in Moody county, and the appointment of J W Redwing as postmaster thereof, and the establishment of a post office at Hillsdale, in Moody county, and the appointment of J P Hillers as postmaster thereof

New Year's Cards.

We shall be prepared to supply New Year's callers with a variety of new and unique designs for cards w 3w

WE make a specialty of fancy articles, which will be sold at a sacrifice Fowler & Ketchum

Suffering in Cedar County, Nebraska.

The Cedar County Advocate has advices from the various sub committees of the Cedar County Aid Society, which report 17 families, including 96 persons, who require aid this winter, and about 30 additional persons who will require seed in the spring Yankton should feel a lively interest in the welfare of Cedar county, because it is our nearest Nebraska neighbor, and because its prosperity goes far to insure our own

Two pair merino hose for 25 cents at Fowler & Ketchum's

Yankton Mining and Smelting Co.

Stock books now open at the office of the company, over Mills & Purdy's drug store Office hours from 10 a m to 12 m, and from 2 to 4 p m

WE have a few setts of childrens furs which will be sold at a sacrifice at Fowler & Ketchum's

FIVE hundred more neck ties left to give to the little boys of Yankton Fowler & Ketchum

IF you wish a plate of pork and beans, Brown's is the place to get it.

PERSONAL.

REV MR P B Brown one of the leading Swedes of Lodi, called last week

MR *Gus Hutchings*, a Chicago real estate dealer, is spending holiday week in Yankton

Hon Alex Hughes, of Elk Point, ex-president of the council, made us a call last week

Dr Slaughter, of Bismarck, arrived last week, and will contest for the legislative seat now occupied by Mr Williams, in the council

Col Pinckney Lugenbeel, of the 1st infantry, commanding at Ft Randall, and for the district from Ft Sully down, passed through Yankton on Friday last

S V Clevenger, of this city, is traveling through the east securing copies of his father's works of art He writes that he is meeting with good success, having found numerous busts executed by his father in the various art collections he has visited

ONE 200 gallon oil can will be sold at a bargain at Fowler & Ketchum's

New Year's Day

As a season for retrospective indulgencies and prospective castle building the initial day of a new year outranks all the other fragments of time vouched for on the calendar. Few of us could get along without it for we need these regular annual mile posts to lean up against and think, and it is an authenticated tradition that mankind in the rough cannot think with safety to himself, on New Year's Day, without something to lean against That, however, is a much abused supposition, though it is perpetrated with rigid regularity upon the submissive genus *masculinus* by the vindictive genus *femininus* (the "foreign" seems to be a little irregular) out of a pure belief that sinful man should be reminded of his follies as often as once a year But the day which opens up a fresh twelve month is probably the starting point of more good, honest, virtuous and righteous existences than the world ever was aware of The man who doesn't reform every New Year's Day isn't of much account with his neighbors It is not absolutely necessary that he continue in the straight and narrow path during the entire twelve months, because if he did there would be no chance for him to again resolve to improve next New Year's, and he would therefore be looked upon as one who lags behind in the grand march which is forever heading its columns in the direction of the goal of human perfection without ever reaching it The people of Yankton are probably very much like the balance of the American race They will stick in a pin where to morrow begins, balance accounts with the old year and resolve that the future shall be one sweet dream of bliss It's a good thing to do and the oftener one does it the more he will begin to think that he was designed by the Creator as a bright and shining example of purity and morality, to shed the radiance of his goodness upon his neighbors and make them also good New Years was instituted for several other purposes, but as those given are enough to think of for the present, we will this time dispense with the usual annual newspaper discourse upon the subject

Wanted to Purchase

a few copies of the laws of 1867 6, for which a liberal price will be paid Apply to Geo H Hand

A WEEK OF PRAYER

Programme of the American Evangelical Alliance

The Evangelical Alliance of the United States has issued the following programme for the week of prayer, commencing January 1

MONDAY

Thanksgiving and confession—Review of *the past, thanksgiving for its varied mercies*, humiliation for personal and national sins; prayer for God's blessing in the future

TUESDAY

National objects for prayer—For civil governments and all in authority, for the increase of intelligence, the mortification of public opinion, and the spread of free institutions throughout the world

WEDNESDAY

Home objects for prayer—For parents and children, teachers and guardians, for schools and colleges, for the christian ministers, for Young Men's Christian Associations and Sunday schools

THURSDAY

Foreign objects for prayer—The extension of religious liberty throughout the world, the prevalence of peace among nations, the increase of unity among christians of all lands, the subordination of international intercourse, commerce and science, to the spread of Christ's kingdom

FRIDAY

Missionary objects for prayer—For the conversion of the Jews, for the deliverance of nations from superstition, and for the conversion of the world to Christ

SATURDAY

Prayer for religious revival—For the churches throughout the world, for their increase in zeal, spirituality and devotedness, and for a clearer witness for the truth among them

SUNDAY

A general meeting in the evening Addresses by ministers of various denominations Closing exercises

BEST dry cord wood for sale in any quantity, large or small, and delivered to order anywhere in the city Apply at Albee's lumber yard SILVESTER & FOLJER

A FEW more holiday goods at Brown's will be sold cheap

FROM Hampton, Franklin county, Iowa, the telegraph and mails bring the sickening details of a most brutal murder, committed by a physician, in the regular performance of his calling, under the professional name of abortion Mrs M A Ives, one of the most respected ladies in the village, is the victim and Dr J E Hurd is named as the guilty practitioner The evidence shows that the doctor, who is accused of being under the influence of liquor at the time of the operation, removed from the deceased most of the intestines while she was yet living, together with the fœtus and after birth Of course she died Her husband and the doctor have been placed under bonds for $5,000 for their appearance at the next term of court, and the people of Hampton are in a state of intense excitement over the affair

STANDARD prints 5, 8, and 10 cents per yard at Fowler & Ketchum's

Proclamation.

FOR good and sufficient reasons, all of which are unnecessary, and some unfit, for publication, it is hereby proclaimed that the sovereign people of Dakota will meet in solemn convocation in the hall of the house of representatives at Yankton, on Tuesday evening, January 12th, A D 1877, at 7½ o'clock p m

By order of Squatter Governor

GOV PENNINGTON'S message to the legislature is the ablest document of the kind ever presented to a Dakota legislature, and we are really sorry that our limited space will not permit us to publish it—*Sioux Falls Pantagraph*

EVERY one leaves Fowler & Ketchum's store well pleased with their purchases Their goods are sold at a small margin, and if any are too poor to buy they make them a present

THREE setts Fairbanks' scales for sale cheap Terms cash, at Fowler & Ketchum's

$25 00 cash will buy a sett of ladies mink furs worth $35 00 at Fowler & Ketchum's

ANY person indebted to us with account 2 months past due will receive a discount of 10 per cent by paying up before January 1st Fowler & Ketchum

THREE pleasant rooms for rent Enquire of B S. Williams & Co, Broadway

The Interest Bill.

To the Editors of the Press and Dakotaian

Why *does the bill which proposes to reduce* interest from 18 to 12 per cent linger so long in the council? Is that branch of our assembled wisdom under the influence of the money changers? It is well known that the people of the territory are divided into two classes on this question That on the one hand, (in favor of a lower rate,) we find all the farmers, mechanics, merchants, laborers and producers generally On the other, (for high rates of interest,) we find only the brokers, loan and real estate agents, and two or three newspapers whose highest earthly bliss seems to consist in advertising measures that will oppress the honest laboring people It is the old story of the oppression of labor by capital, of the few against the many, of money and power controling the law making power in favor of the rich against the poor

The bill to reduce the rate of interest *from 18 to 12 per cent passed the house* some two weeks ago, and as we learn, by an almost unanimous vote Why does the council hesitate? How stand the members from Yankton county? We who voted for them have a right to know Nearly all their supporters demand the passage of this bill, and if their servants fail them now, not even our fealty to party will induce us to vote for them again Not only so, but we would do all in our power to defeat them

The few who want to continue a high rate of interest argue that eastern capitalists will not send money to Dakota if interest is reduced Better they never had sent a dollar at 18 and 24 per cent and better that we should not get another dollar at such rates, unless we want to sell out our property to the eastern capitalists aforesaid and beggar ourselves But their argument is a false one It is not the high rate of interest promised that enables people to get money, but wise laws for the protection of creditors and a good character for prompt payment The fact that the people of Sioux City and of Woodbury county, in Iowa, can get all the money they want from the east, on real estate mortgages, at *ten per cent*, is a complete refutation of the arguments of the brokers and loan agents who wish to continue the legalization of *eighteen* per cent here in Dakota

A reduction of interest, even to ten per cent would increase the volume of money that would flow hitherward, for the reason that it would give increased confidence in our ability and disposition to pay

The people of Yankton county call upon their council members to do their duty on this question A MECHANIC

[As we have previously stated, the position of the Press and Dakotaian is in favor of the bill now pending in the council We could not advocate any other measure and be true to the masses for whom we speak The foregoing communication presents the matter clearly, and with a correct appreciation of the importance of the subject We have made *inquiry of the Yankton members* of the council regarding their position on the bill proposing to reduce interest from 18 to 12 per cent, and all are in favor of, and will vote for its passage—EDS]

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LITERARY

The Aldine for January 1875, is duly at hand, and certainly entitled to the credit of being the very best number yet issued of that beautiful publication In both pictures and literary matter this month, there is an infinite variety and corresponding excellence Pictorially the leading attractions are 'A Daughter of Cleopatra' after Vernet I e compte by John S, Davis—an admirable work of art, and supplying one of the *highest types of the darkest Oriental beauty*; three magnificent views of the mountains of the 'Delaware Water Gap,' illustrating that picturesque region to fine advantage, an attractive full page also by Davis, 'Fisherman's Luck,' 'Love's Offering,' by Siegert, and 'The Appointment,' by Otto Grashman, two admirable companion pictures, telling their stories with life and vigor, a very striking 'Silver Full Moonlight,' wonderfully attractive, a fine view of the new 'Western Union Telegraph Building' New York and an elaborately executed portrait of Miss Marguerita B Moore, the popular elocutionist Such an array of pictorial charm is not often given in one number, even by The Aldine

The literary contents embrace the following rare collection, An instructive and very enjoyable paper on 'Christmas in London,' by Henry Morford, one of the most charmingly mischievous short stories of the period, by another of the new names which The Aldine is introducing to the public—evidently a Norsewoman, Emma Sjoerm Jarlsen (we should like to hear somebody pronounce that); an exceedingly amusing sketch of 'Student Life Abroad,' by Fanny Douglas, a valuable paper at the growth of 'The Mistletoe' continuation of the popular serial, 'Lost Lillian Bray' a most touching story of primitive New England life in 'Old Little Puritan,' by Annette L Noble a pleasant translation in the 'Birth place of Mozart's Zauberflote,' by Miss F C Hildemeister, incisive articles on Dramatic music, the drama, etc In addition, there are no less than four poems of merit 'A New Year's Wish,' by Mrs M F Butts, 'Dead Days,' by Mrs. Margaret J Preston, 'Abreast with the storm' by John Vance Cheney, and 'Songs of the Months,' by Alice M Gournsey This makes, we repeat, an issue of equal excellence and variety rare even for The Aldine, and evidences the fact that under the new editorial management while nothing is to be lost in high artistic reputation, the literary merit of the publication is to be kept quite abreast with it

The Aldine Company has determined to establish an Art Union, similar to the well known Art Union in England, and distributes its works of art both sculpture and paintings, which are constantly collecting, among its subscribers Art premiums valued at $2500 will be distributed among each series of 5,000 subscribers Subscription tickets at $6 00 each, entitle the holder to The Aldine for a year, to the new chromo and to a ticket in the distribution of art premiums—The Aldine Company, publishers, No 58 Maiden Lane, New York City.

Gerritt Smith Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec 28—Gerritt Smith is dying at the house of one of his relatives in this city Mr Smith, in company with his wife, arrived in town Thursday for the purpose of spending the holidays among his friends He was in remarkably good health, his cheek as ruddy, his eye as clear, his voice as firm, his step as elastic as it had been for many years He had made arrangements to meet Charles O'Connor Saturday He arose early and said to Mrs Smith that he had slept uncommonly well, stating that he had not spent so merry a Christmas for a long time as on the day before While dressing, his utterance suddenly became indistinct, and he was gently borne to a bed, barely able to say in a faint tone that he was very weak He immediately became unconscious, and has thus remained ever since He seemed to be suffering under a combined attack of apoplexy and paralysis

LATER—Gerritt Smith died at about 12 30 to day at the residence of General John Cochrane

Liberalism seems to be having a relapse, or perhaps it would be more like the truth to call it a collapse Two of its leaders in the senate, Schurz and Fenton, when the finance bill came up the other day, explained their votes by saying that, while its provisions were not fully satisfactory to them, they voted for it for the sake of harmony, and to "strengthen the republican party in the country" Is the cause declining for which they struggled?

For the Interest of all Parties

There can now be no doubt of the wisdom of the course pursued by Governor Brumlette, with reference to the last Grand Gift Concert of the Kentucky Library The short postponement to February 27th will insure the sale of every ticket, which will be more satisfactory to every ticket holder, and more for the interest of the library, and that there may be no doubt of its coming off this time, the governor proposes to return every ticket holder's money in case of failure

THE validity of the fifteenth amendment which provides that the rights of citizens of the United States to vote and hold office shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, is at last to be tested by the supreme court The case comes upon the certification of a division of opinion among the circuit judges in Kentucky Two judges of election in Lexington are alleged to have refused to receive the votes of two colored men on account of their color The arguments in the case will begin on Wednesday, January 6 The attorney general will represent the government, and ex attorney general Stanberry the defendants

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15tf W H FERGUSON

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Oats, ℔ bu	50c
Barley ℔ bu	70c
Corn ℔ bu	50c
Potatoes, ℔ bu	$1 00@1 20
White Beans, ℔ bu	$3 25
Beef cattle, ℔ cwt	$2 75@4 00
Pork, fresh ℔ cwt	$6 00@7 00
Pork salt, ℔ ℔	15c
Hams, sugar cured, ℔ ℔	17c
Shoulders, ℔ ℔	12c
Bacon, ℔ ℔	12c
Corn Beef, ℔ ℔	10c
Lard, ℔ do/	30c
Butter ℔ ℔	30c
Cheese, ℔ ℔	20c
Flour ℔ cwt	$2 25@2 75
Corn Meal ℔ cwt	$2 00
Salt, ℔ bbl	$2 75@3 25
Kerosene, ℔ gal,	35c
Sugar, brown 9 lbs for	$1 00
Sugar, extra yellow "C," 8 lbs for	$1 00
Sugar, white coffee "A," 7½ lbs for	$1 00
Sugar, crushed and granulated, 7 lbs for	$1 00
Rio Coffee, ℔ ℔	25@30c
Java Coffee, ℔ ℔	40c
Young Hyson Tea, ℔ ℔	$1 00@1 20
Japan Tea, ℔ ℔	75c@$1 20
Black Tea, ℔ ℔	75c@$1 20
Molasses, ℔ gal	60c
Syrup	80c@$1 25
Dried Apples, ℔ ℔	12½
Dried Peaches, (Salt Lake), ℔ ℔	15c
Raisins, ℔ ℔	25c
Cottonwood Lumber ℔ m feet	$11 00@18 00
Pine Lumber common ℔ m feet	$22 00
Pine Lumber, culls, ℔ m feet	$15 00@18 00
Flooring, ℔ m feet	25 00@30 00
Siding, ℔ m feet	20 00@26 00
Finishing, ℔ m feet	35 00@40 00
Shingles	$2 00 400@2 50
Lath	$2 50
Ceiling	$25 00@35 00
Wood, ℔ cord	$4 50
Lime, ℔ bu	60c
Coal, hard, ℔ ton	$18 00
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Proposals should be endorsed Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River," and addressed to the undersigned

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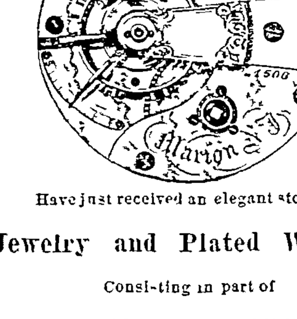

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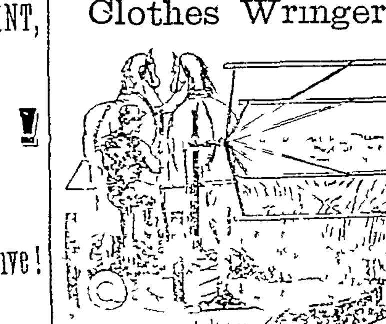

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

YANKTON D, T, Dec 3rd 1874

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Yankton D T, will be held at said Bank, on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, A D, 1875, at 7½ o'clock p m for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year

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STAGE COMPANY

Are now running their Stages to and from the following places

YANKTON TO FIRESTEEL,

Via Utica, Odessa Scotland, Maxwell, Olivet, Milltown and Rockport

Stages leave Yankton Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings

Leave Firesteel for Yankton on the same days

Yankton for Ft. Thompson & Brule City

VIA FIRESTEEL,

On Wednesday morning Returning, leave Fort Thompson and Brule City on Monday morning

LEAVE YANKTON FOR

Flandreau, Wicklw and Sioux Falls

On Monday Morning Returning leave Flandreau and Sioux Falls Monday evening

FARE.

From Yankton to Sioux Falls, via Firesteel	$11 00
" " Flandreau,	12 00
" " Brule City,	14 00
" " Fort Thompson	12 00
" " Firesteel	6 00
From Sioux Falls to Fort Thompson	11 00
" " Brule City	14 00
From Flandreau to Fort Thompson	12 00
From Flandreau to Brule City	15 00

Pro rata to all intermediate points

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Delivered at reasonable rates

The routes pass through some of the most beautiful parts of Southern Dakota—up the James river and across the Sioux and Vermillion valleys, through the Wessington Hills to Fort Thompson Good and cheap entertainment for passengers *en route* Light coaches and Quick Time

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Through line from Yankton, by way of Fort Randall, Brule City and Fort Thompson, to Fort Sully, connecting at Fort Sully with stages to Grand River and Fort Rice

The cheapest shortest and quickest route to all the Forts and intermediate points on the Missouri river

Express goods carried with safety and dispatch

Stages leave Yankton for Springfield daily For Fort Randall, Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays Leave Fort Randall for Fort Sully every Monday

At the LIVERY STABLE of the above company, on Third Street, at rear of Merchants Hotel, will be found the finest turnouts in the Northwest Terms reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed

Edgar, Corliss & Co.,

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Office on Broadway,

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Railroads.

Dakota Southern Railroad

TIME TABLE,

To take effect Monday, November 23d, 1874

TRAINS MOVING WEST PASSENGER No 1	STATIONS	TRAINS MOVING EAST PASSENGER No 2
2 00 p m Leave	†SIOUX CITY	11 10 a m Arr'e
2 28	McCOOK	10 42
2 43	JEFFERSON	10 27
3 09	†ELK POINT	10 02
3 32	BURBANK	9 37
3 52	†VERMILLION	9 19
4 17	MECKLING	8 53
4 36	GAYVILLE	8 34
4 51	*JAMES RIVER	8 18
5 07	SHOPS	8 03
5 10 Arrive	†YANKTON	8 00 Leave

*Flag Stations †Telegraph Stations

CONNECTIONS

1 At Sioux City with Illinois Central, Sioux City and Pacific and Sioux City and St Paul Railroads

2 At Elk Point with stages for Eden, Canton and Sioux Falls

3 At Vermillion with stages for Lodi, River side and Turner

4 At Meckling with stages for St James

5 At Gayville with stages for St Helena

6 At Yankton with steamers for Forts Randall, Sully, Rice, and all points on the Upper Missouri river, stages for Bon Homme Springfield and Fort Randall, and steam ferry for Green Island, Nebraska, connecting at Green Island with stages for all points in Northern Nebraska

G L MERCHANT, *Train Master.* J S MECKLING, *Gen'l Superintend't*

C H VAN TASSEL Agent at Yankton

Illinois Central Railroad.

A PASSENGER TRAIN LEAVES SIOUX CITY

every day, except Sunday, at 1 30 p m for

Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Ackley, Marshalltown, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Waterloo, Dubuque, St Louis, Cairo, and

ALL POINTS SOUTH!

—AND—

Chicago, and all Points East,

Connecting at Freeport with Western Union Railroad for

Janesville, Madison, Racine and Milwaukee

☞ All trains run through to Chicago without change of cars, and

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are run on this train from Sioux City to Freeport

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Which will be furnished in any quantity desired

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Of every kind and dimension at their new lumber Yard on the

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Doors, Sash, Blinds, Brackets, Scroll-Work, Mouldings,

And everything that builders can require will be kept constantly on hand, and made on short notice at our mills at Stillwater, Minnesota

Prices as Low as any other Dealer can afford.

We would ask buyers of lumber to look over our stock, and compare quality and prices being confident we can suit them

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Wishing to buy by the car load can deal with our mill direct through our agency, thereby saving expense and delay We guarantee satisfaction

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Goods, &c, at prices which defy competition

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The undersigned has a large amount of first class property, improved and unimproved, both business and residence lots which will be sold at low prices and reasonable terms Also

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Give me a call before purchasing as I have the largest list of property for sale in the above named towns

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MR FOERSTER invites the attention of Dealers to his Lager Beer The best made in the Territory

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All kinds of work and of first quality Call and examine specimens

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A fine collection of STEREOSCOPIC INDIAN VIEWS constantly on hand n48 1y

UNITED STATES MAIL.

DAKOTA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON Dec 1 1874

PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 o'clock p m of March 18, 1875 (to be decided by the 20th of March) for carrying the mail of the United States from July 1 1875 to June 30 1878 on the following routes in the Territory of Dakota and by the schedule of departures and arrivals herein specified, viz

35043 from Canton by Pelott (Iowa) Farmers and Iron (?) to Lemars (Iowa) 50 miles and back once a week
Leave Canton Friday at 6 a m
Arrive at Lemars by 8 p m
Leave Lemars Saturday at 6 a m
Arrive at Canton by 8 p m
Bond required with bid, $700

35044 from Fort Sully to Lake Kampeska (n o) 180 miles and back, once a week
Leave Fort Sully Tuesday at 7 a m
Arrive at Lake Kampeska Friday at 6 p m
Leave Lake Kampeska Monday at 7 a m
Arrive at Fort Sully Thursday by 6 p m
Bond required with bid, $2 500

35045 from Mechling, by Startown (n o) and Danville, to Swan Lake, 27 miles and back, once a week
Leave Mechling Friday at 8 a m
Arrive at Swan Lake by 5 p m,
Leave Swan Lake Saturday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Mechling by 1 p m
Bond required with bid, $100

35046 from Wahpeton by Fort Wadsworth (n o), Chedi Lake (n o) Small Wood Lake (n o) and Fish Butte (n o) to Fort Sully 250 miles and back, once a week
Leave Wahpeton Monday at 7 a m
Arrive at Fort Sully Saturday by 6 p m
Leave Fort Sully Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Wahpeton Saturday by 6 p m
Bond required with bid, $3 500

35047 from Yankton, by Walshtown and Mennonite Village (n o) to Childstown 35 miles and back once a week
Leave Yankton Friday at 6 a m
Arrive at Childstown by 5 p m
Leave Childstown Saturday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Yankton by 5 p m

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS ETC

OATH OF MAIL CONTRACTORS AND CARRIERS, REQUIRED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JUNE 8 1872

I —— do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform all the duties required of me, and abstain from everything forbidden by the laws in relation to the establishment of post offices and post roads within the United States, and that I will honestly and truly account for and pay over any money belonging to the said United States which may come into my possession or control So help me God

By section 16 of the act of June 8 1872 every person employed in the postal service is subject to all the pains penalties and forfeitures for violation of the laws relating to such service whether he has taken the above oath or affirmation or not

SECTIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS TO REVISE, CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE STATUTES RELATING TO THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, APPROVED JUNE 8, 1874

The Postmaster General requests that bidders, guarantors, sureties and all persons concerned or intending to be concerned in mail contracts, will carefully read and critically examine the abstracts of laws here presented, and also the forms and instructions at the end of this advertisement, in order that bids may be made and liabilities assumed understandingly, and that all misapprehensions or cause of complaint hereafter may be avoided

Postmasters are required to make themselves familiar with these laws and instructions, that they may be able to inform and direct others

Postmasters clerks, &c, cannot be contractors

Sec 78 That no postmaster, assistant postmaster, or clerk employed in any post office shall be a contractor or concerned in a contract for carrying the mail

Persons in the employ of the Post Office Department (including postmasters) cannot become interested in a mail contract, nor act as agent of contractors or bidders

Sec 12 That no person employed in the Post Office Department shall become interested in any contract for carrying the mail, or act as agent with or without compensation for any contractor or person offering to become a contractor in any business before the Department and any person so offending shall be immediately dismissed from office and shall be liable to pay so much money as would have been realized from said contract to be recovered in an action of debt, for the use of the Post Office Department

By regulation of the Department no carrier should be employed who is under sixteen years of age, and no bidder will be accepted who is under twenty one years of age, or who is a married woman

Conveyance of letters out of the mail Private expresses, &c

Sec 227 That any person concerned in carrying the mail who shall collect receive, or carry any letter or packet or cause or procure the same to be done, contrary to law, shall on conviction thereof for every such offense, forfeit and pay not exceeding fifty dollars

Sec 228 That no person shall establish any private express for the conveyance of letters or packets or in any manner cause or provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips or at stated periods over any post route which is or may be established by law, or from any city town or place to any other city town or place between which the mail is regularly carried and every person so offending, or aiding or assisting therein shall, for each offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty dollars

Sec 229 That the owner of every stage coach, railway car steamboat or other vehicle or vessel which shall with the knowledge of any owner in whole or in part or with the knowledge of connivance of the driver conductor master or other person having charge of the same convey any person acting or employed as a private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, and actually in possession of the same for the purpose of conveying them contrary to the spirit true intent and meaning of this law shall for every such offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty dollars

Sec 230 That no person shall transmit by private express or other unlawful means or deliver to any agent of such unlawful express or deposit, or cause to be deposited, at any appointed place for the purpose of being transmitted, any letter or packet, and for every such offense the party so offending shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars

Sec 231 That no stage coach railway car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel which regularly perform trips at stated periods on any post route, or from any city, town or place to any other city town or place between which the mail is regularly carried shall carry, otherwise than in the mail, any letters or packets, except such as relate to some part of the cargo of such steamboat or other vessel, or to some article carried at the same time by the same stage coach, railway car or other vehicle except as provided in section two hundred and thirty nine, and for every such offense the owner of the stage-coach, railway-car steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, and the driver, conductor, master, or other person having charge thereof and not at the time owner of the whole or any part thereof, shall in like manner forfeit and pay for every such offense fifty dollars

(Section 239 permits conveyance of letters in stamped envelopes other wise than by mail)

The manner in which proposals shall be made, and the

LIABILITY OF POSTMASTERS

Sec 245 That every proposal for carrying the mail shall be accompanied by the bond of the bidder, with sureties approved by a postmaster, and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars, by a postmaster of the first, second, or third class in a sum to be designated by the Postmaster General in the advertisement of each route to which bond a condition shall be annexed that if the said bidder shall within such time after his bid is accepted as the Postmaster General shall prescribe, enter into a contract with the United States of America with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General to perform the service proposed in his said bid and, further, that he shall perform the said service according to his contract, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law, and in case of failure of any bidder to enter into such contract to perform the service, or, having executed a contract in case of failure to perform the service according to his contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the amount of said bond as liquidated damages to be recovered in an action of debt on the said bond No proposal shall be considered unless it shall be accompanied by such bond, and there shall have been affixed to said proposal the oath of the bidder, taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths, that he has the ability, *pecuniarily*, to fulfill his obligations, and that the bid is made in good faith and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case his bid is accepted

Sec 246 That before the bond of a bidder provided for in the aforesaid section is approved, there shall be indorsed thereon the oaths of the sureties herein, taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths that they are owners of real estate worth in the aggregate a sum double the amount of the said bond over and above all debts due and owing by them and all judgments, mortgages and executions against them, after allowing all exemptions of every character whatever

Sec 247 That any postmaster who shall affix his signature to the approval of any bond of a bidder, or to the certificate of sufficiency of sureties in any contract before the said bond or contract is signed by the bidder or contractor and his sureties or shall knowingly or without the exercise of due diligence, approve any bond of a bidder with insufficient sureties, or shall knowingly make any false or fraudulent certificate, shall be forthwith dismissed from office, and be thereafter disqualified from holding the office of postmaster, and shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both

Service to be awarded to the lowest bidder Bids of failing contractors may not be considered

Sec 249 That all contracts for carrying the mail shall be in the name of the United States, and shall be awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security thereof, but the Postmaster General shall not be bound to consider the bid of any person who has willfully or negligently failed to perform a former contract

Combinations to prevent bidding prohibited

Sec 250 That no contract for carrying the mail shall be made with any person who has entered, or proposed to enter into any combination to prevent the making of any bid for carrying the mail, or who has made any agreement, or given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration whatever to induce any other person not to bid for any such contract, and if any person so offending is a contractor for carrying the mail, his contract may be annulled, and for the first offense the person so offending shall be disqualified to contract for carrying the mail for five years, and for the second offense shall be forever disqualified

Failing bidders and contractors Contracts may be extended, and temporary contracts made

Sec 251 That after any regular bidder whose bid has been accepted shall fail to enter into contract for the transportation of the mails according to his proposal, or having entered into contract, shall fail to commence the performance of the service stipulated in his or their contract as therein provided the Postmaster General shall proceed to contract with the next lowest bidder for the same service, who will enter into a contract for the performance thereof, unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high in which case he shall re advertise such service—And if any bidder whose bid has been accepted, and who has entered into a contract to perform the service according to his proposal, and in pursuance of his contract has entered upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General, shall subsequently fail or refuse to perform the service according to his contract the Postmaster General shall proceed to contract with the next lowest bidder for such service, under the advertisement thereof, (unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high,) who will enter into contract and give bond, with sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General, for the faithful performance thereof, in the same penalty and with the same terms and conditions thereto annexed as were stated and contained in the bond which accompanied his bid, but in case each and every of the next lowest bidders for such service whose respective bids are not considered too high by the Postmaster General shall refuse to enter into contract and give bond as herein required for the faithful performance of his contract, the Postmaster General shall immediately advertise for proposals to perform the service on said route Whenever an accepted bidder shall fail to enter into contract or a contractor on any mail route shall fail or refuse to perform the service on said route according to his contract or when a new route shall be established or new service required or when from any other cause there shall not be a contractor legally bound or required to perform such service the Postmaster General may make a temporary contract for carrying the mail on such route without advertisement for such period as may be necessary not in any case exceeding six months until the service shall have commenced under a contract made according to law *Provided however* That the Postmaster General shall not employ temporary service on any route at a higher price than that paid to the contractor who shall have performed the service during the last preceding regular contract term And in all cases of regular contracts hereafter made the contract may in the discretion of the Postmaster General be continued in force beyond its express terms for a period not exceeding six months, until a new contract with the same or other contractors shall be made by the Postmaster General

Bidders not released until a contract is entered into and service begun

Sec 252 That no bidder for carrying the mails shall be released from his obligation under his bid or proposal, notwithstanding an award made to a lower bidder until a contract for the designated service shall have been duly executed by such lower bidder and his sureties and accepted, and the service entered upon by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General

CERTIFIED CHECKS OR DRAFTS TO ACCOMPANY ALL BIDS EXCEEDING $5,000

Sec 253 That hereafter all bidders upon every mail route for the transportation of the mails upon the same, where the annual compensation for the service on such route at the time exceeds the sum of five thousand dollars, shall accompany their bids with a certified check, or draft, payable to the order of the Postmaster General, upon some solvent national bank which check or draft shall not be less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on said route at the time such bid is made, and in case of new or modified service not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond of the bidder required to accompany his bid if the amount of said bond exceeds five thousand dollars In case any bidder, on being awarded any such contract, shall fail to execute the same with good and sufficient sureties, according to the terms on which such bid was made and accepted and enter upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General such bidder shall in addition to his liability on his bond accompanying his bid, forfeit the amount so deposited to the United States, and the same shall forthwith be paid into the treasury for the use of the post office department, but if such contract shall be duly executed and the service entered upon as aforesaid, such drafts or check so deposited and the checks or drafts deposited by all other bidders on the same route, shall be returned to the respective bidders making such deposits No proposals for the transportation of the mails where the amount of the bond required to accompany the same shall exceed five thousand dollars shall be considered, unless accompanied with the check or draft here in required, together with the bond required by a preceding section *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed or intended to affect any penalties or forfeitures which have heretofore accrued under the provisions of the sections here by amended

Failing contractors guilty of a misdemeanor

Sec 254 That any person or persons bidding for the transportation of the mails upon any route which may be advertised to be let, and receiving an award of the contract for such service, who shall wrongfully refuse or fail to enter into contract with the Postmaster General in due form, and perform the service described in his or their bid or proposal, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months

No pay to be made until contracts are executed

Sec 259 That no person whose bid for carrying the mail is accepted shall receive any pay until he has executed his contract according to law and the regulations of the department

Compensation for additional service restricted and regulated

Sec 260 That compensation for additional service in carrying the mail shall not be in excess of the exact proportion which the original compensation bears to the original service and when any such additional service is ordered the sum to be allowed therefor shall be expressed in the order and entered upon the books of the department and no compensation shall be paid for any additional regular service rendered before the issuing of such order

Sec 261 That no extra allowance shall be made for any increase of expedition in carrying the mail unless thereby the employment of additional stock and carriers is made necessary and in such case the additional compensation shall bear no greater proportion to the additional stock and carriers necessarily employed than the compensation in the original contract bears to the stock and carriers necessarily employed in its execution

Deductions may be made and fines imposed for delinquencies

Sec 266 That the postmaster general may make deductions from the pay of contractors for failures to perform service according to contract, and impose fines upon them for other delinquencies He may deduct the price of the trip in all cases where the trip is not performed and not exceeding three times the price if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier

Contracts cannot be assigned or transferred

Sec 271 That no contractor for transporting the mail within or between the United States and any foreign country shall assign or transfer his contract and all such assignments or transfers shall be null and void

Schedules to be furnished and posted up in post offices Registers to be returned and reports made

Sec 70 That the postmaster general shall furnish to the postmasters at the termination of each route a schedule of the time of arrival and departure of the mail at their offices, respectively, to be posted in a conspicuous place in the office, and the postmaster general shall also give the postmaster notice of any change in the arrival and departure that may be ordered and he shall cause to be kept and returned to the department, at short and regular intervals, registers showing the exact times of the arrivals and departures of the mail

By act of congress approved April 21 1808, no member of congress can be a contractor, or be concerned, directly or indirectly in any contract with the government, and by the same act it is made a high misdemeanor for any officer of the United States to enter, in its behalf, into a contract with a member of congress

[But if a member withdraw from a contract it may be concluded with the other partners —*Opinion of Attorney General, 4, 47* A contract with one who is elected a member of congress during its continuance is not affected by such election —*Ibid, 5, 697.*]

The postmaster general has no power, under the law to release bidders and contractors and their sureties from their liabilities on the allegation of real or supposed mistakes of any kind in making proposals He particularly requests that, before bidding, the fullest inquiry and investigation be made in regard to the route distance service, weight of mails, cost of stock feed, and all expenses existing and likely to occur during the contract term, and with due consideration of the consequences imposed by law on delinquents

CONTRACTS TO BE EXECUTED AND FILED IN THE DEPARTMENT BY THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE

Under the provisions of section 245 of the act approved June 23 1874 the postmaster general has prescribed the 1st day of June 1875 on or before which day the contracts of accepted bidders must be received at the department in Washington, executed in due form

Accepted bidders not complying with this regulation shall be considered as having failed to comply with their proposals, and the postmaster general may proceed to contract for the service with other parties, according to law

CONTRACTS RECEIVED AT THE DEPARTMENT AFTER JUNE 1ST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE POST MASTER GENERAL

FORM OF PROPOSAL, BOND AND CERTIFICATE

Proposal

The undersigned ————, whose post office address is ————, county of ————, state of ————, proposes to carry the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 187 , on route No ——, between ———— and ————, state of ————, under the advertisement of the postmaster general, dated December 1, 1874, " with celerity, certainty and security," for the annual sum of ———— dollars and if this proposal is accepted he will enter into contract, with sureties to be approved by the postmaster general, within the time prescribed in said advertisement

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried and all other particulars in reference to the route and service, and, also after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of mail service

Dated ———— ————, *Bidder.*

Oath required by section 245 of an act of congress approved June 23, 1874, to be affixed to each bid for carrying the mail and to be taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths

I ————, of ————, bidder for carrying the mail on route No ——, from ———— to ————, do swear that I have the ability pecuniarily, to fulfill my obligation as such bidder that the bid is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case said bid shall be accepted

Sworn to and subscribed before me, ———— for the —— of ————, this —— day of ————, A D 187 , and in [SEAL] testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the official seal the day and year aforesaid

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NOTE —When the oath is taken before a justice of the peace, or other officer not using a seal, except a judge of the United States court the certificate of the clerk of a court of record must be added, under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is duly qualified as such officer

Bids of $5,000 and upward must be accompanied by a certified check or draft, on some solvent national bank, payable to the order of the postmaster general, equal to 5 per centum of the present annual pay on the route, or in case of new service not less than 5 per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid, if said bond exceeds $5 000

The proposal must be *signed* by the bidder or bidders, and the date of signing affixed

Direct to the Second Assistant Postmaster General Post Office Department, Washington, D C, marked Proposal, State of———'

BOND

Directions

☞ Insert the names of the principal and sureties in full in the body of the bond, also the date The signatures to the bond should be witnessed and the certificate on the inside should be signed by a justice of the peace, adding his official title, or, if signed by a notary public, he should affix his seal

Know all men by these presents that ————, of ————, in the state of ————, principal and ———— and ————, of ———— in the state of ————, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the just and full sum of ———— dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States of America or its duly appointed or authorized officer or officers, to the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents

Sealed with our seals, and dated this ———— day of ————, 187

Whereas, by an act of congress approved June 23, 1874, entitled "an act making appropriations for the service of the post office department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy five, and for other purposes," it is provided "that every proposal for carrying the mail shall be accompanied by the bond of the bidder, with sureties approved by a postmaster," in pursuance whereof, and in compliance with the provisions of said law, this bond is made and executed subject to all the terms, conditions and remedies thereon, in the said act provided and prescribed to accompany the aforegoing and annexed proposal of the said

Now the condition of the said obligation is such that if the said bidder as aforesaid shall within such time after his bid is accepted as the postmaster general has prescribed in said advertisement of route No to wit on or before the 1st day of June 187 enter into a contract with the United States of America with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the postmaster general to perform the service proposed in his said bid and further shall perform the said service according to his contract then this obligation shall be void otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of 187

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Witness

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

On this day of 187 personally appeared before me and sureties in the aforegoing bond to me known to be the persons named in said bond as sureties and who have executed the same as such who being by me duly sworn depose and say and each for himself deposes and says, he has executed the within bond, that his place of residence is correctly stated therein that he is the owner of real estate worth the sum hereinafter set against his name over and above all debts due and owing by him and all judgments mortgages and executions against him after allowing all exemptions of every character whatever the total sum thus assured amounting to ($) dollars

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Subscribed and sworn before me this day of , 187

NOTE —When the above oath is taken before a justice of the peace or any other officer not using a seal except a judge of a U S Court the certificate of the clerk of a court of record must be added under his seal of office that the person who administered the oath is duly qualified as such officer

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

I, , clerk of the the same being a court of record, do hereby certify that , whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of signing the same a justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid duly qualified and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand as clerk and affixed the seal of said court, on this day of , 187

[L S] Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTMASTER

I, the undersigned postmaster at , state of after the exercise of due diligence to inform myself of the pecuniary ability and responsibility of the principal and his sureties in the aforegoing bond and of the unincumbered real estate owned by them respectively, do hereby approve said bond and certify that the said sureties are sufficient—sufficient to insure the payment of double the entire amount of the said bond and I do further certify that the said bond was duly signed by , and and his sureties before signing this certificate

Dated , 187 *Postmaster*

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS

Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the department may deem proper

1 Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails

2 On routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it the special agents of the post office department also post office blanks mail bags locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge

3 "Way bills" or receipts, prepared by postmasters or other agents of the department will accompany the mails, specifying the number and destination of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters to insure regularity in the delivery of bags and pouches

4 No pay will be made for trips not performed and for each of such omissions if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier three times the pay of the trip will be deducted For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused one fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties proportioned to the nature thereof and the importance of the mail may be made

5 For leaving behind or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted

6 Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time, for neglecting to take the mail from or deliver it into, a post office, for suffering it to be wet, injured destroyed, robbed, or lost and for refusing after demand to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs or is concerned in running a coach, car, or steamboat on a route

7 The postmaster general may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract, for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the department for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the department to do so for running an express as aforesaid or for transporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail

8 The postmaster general may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a *pro rata* increase on the contract pay He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to connections with railroads without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged The postmaster general may also discontinue or curtail the service in whole or in part, in order to place on the route superior service or whenever the public interests, in his judgment, shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause, he allowing as full, indemnity to contractor, one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with and a *pro rata* compensation for the amount of service retained and continued

9 Payments will be made by collections from, or drafts on postmasters or otherwise after the expiration of each quarter—say in November February May and August, provided that required evidence of service has been received

10 The distances given are believed to be substantially correct, but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised if the points to be supplied are correctly stated *Bidders must inform themselves on this point* and also in reference to the weight of the mail the condition of hills roads streams, &c, and all toll bridges, turnpikes, plank roads ferries or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred No claim for additional pay based on such ground, can be considered nor for alleged mistakes or misapprehension as to the degree of service, nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued or other obstructions causing or increasing distance or expense occurring during the contract term Offices established after this advertisement is issued and also during the contract term, are to be visited without extra pay if the distance be not increased

11 Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the department by the day and hour named in the advertisement, as bids received after that time *will not be considered* in competition with bids of reasonable amount received in time Neither can bids be considered which are without the bond oath and certificate required by section 245 act of June 23 1874

12 Bidders should first propose for service strictly according to the advertisement, and then if they desire, *separately* for different service and if the *regular* bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered

13 There should be but one route bid for in a proposal Consolidated or combination bids (proposing one sum for two or more routes) cannot be considered

14 The route, the service, the yearly pay the name and residence of the bidder (that is, his usual post office address,) and the name of each member of a firm where a company offers should be distinctly stated

15 Bidders are requested to use as far as practicable the printed proposals furnished by the department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them

Altered bids should not be submitted No withdrawal of a bid will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received twenty four hours previous to the time fixed for opening the proposals

16 In case of failure of the accepted bidder to execute a contract or of the abandonment of service during the contract term the service will be re advertised and re let at the expense of the failing bidder or contractor

17 The postmaster general reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders (Act of June 8, 1872, section 249)

18 The bid should be sealed, superscribed Mail Proposals State of , addressed 'Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office'

19 Every proposal must be accompanied by a bond with sureties approved by a postmaster, and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars ($5 000) by a postmaster of the first second or third class Bids for service, the pay for which at the time of advertisement exceeds five thousand dollars ($5,000,) must be accompanied by a certified check, or draft, payable to the order of the postmaster general, on some solvent national bank, of not less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on such route, and in case of new or modified service not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid if the amount of said bond exceeds ($5 000) five thousand dollars

The amount of bond required with bids and the present pay when it exceeds ($5 000) five thousand dollars are stated in the advertisement under the appropriate route

20 All checks deposited with bids will be held until contract is executed and *service commenced* by the accepted bidder *Checks will then be returned by mail on the written request of the bidder*

21 Transfers of contracts or of interest in contracts, are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed Neither can bids, or interest in bids be transferred or assigned to other parties Bidders will therefore take notice that they will be expected to perform the service awarded to them through the whole contract term

22 Section 249 of the act of June 8 1872, provides that contracts for the transportation of the mail shall be "awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security thereof" Under this law bids that propose to transport the mails with "celerity certainty and security," having been decided to be the only legal bids, are construed as providing for the entire mail however large, and whatever may be the mode of conveyance necessary to insure its "celerity, certainty and security," and have the preference over all others and no others are considered, except for steamboat routes.

23 A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid and cannot be received so as to interfere with regular competition Making a new bid in proper form is the only way to modify a previous one

24 Postmasters are cautioned not to sign the approval of the bond of any bidder before the bond is signed by the bidder and his sureties and not until entirely satisfied of the sufficiency of the sureties See sections 246 and 247, act of June 23, 1874, accompanying this advertisement

25 Postmasters are also liable to dismissal from office for acting as agents of contractors or bidders, with or without compensation, in any business matter, or thing relating to the mail service They are the trusted agents of the department, and cannot consistently act in both capacities

26 In all cases where the routes are not fully supplied with the necessary locks and pouches, it is the duty of the postmaster at the head of the route to make requisition on the contract office of this department for such locks and pouches before July next, provided the route be let

MARSHALL JEWELL, *Postmaster General.*

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